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The Importance of Trees

The cold, dark days of winter are a good time to consider, research, and make plans for your yard and garden for when spring arrives.

Be sure to include trees in your landscape plans.

According to the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, trees have a great return on investment when properly cared for. Trees offer plenty of benefits:

They remove carbon dioxide from the air and turn it into life-giving oxygen,

Trees clean the air of other pollutants,

When planted properly, trees help to cut down on energy costs during the summer and winter months, and

Tree-filled neighborhoods and shopping areas have shown to have an effect behavior such as incidents of domestic violence and consumer shopping practices.

Trees are a wise investment for many reasons, but the most important one might be for all the people and animals that will benefit for years to come from the tree you plant today.

References:

https://www.epa.gov/sciencematters/throwing-shade-exploring-benefits-trees

https://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/trees#:~:text=Benef its%20of%20trees&text=Healthy%20people%3A%2 0100%20trees%20remove,are%20safer%20and%20 more%20sociable.

https://www.kentucky.com/news/local/article2909 18079.html

Source: Hardin Stevens, Senior Extension Associate, University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, September 2024

A Bad Deal in Disguise: Types of Scams

Can you recognize common scams? Scammers may try to trick us by appearing in disguise. This makes it difficult to know when something is "too good to be true." The Federal Trade Commission received 2.9 million fraud reports in 2021, with a total of \$6.1 billion in losses. Join us to learn about scammers who trick us with their disguises, as well as steps you can take to avoid fraud.

Lesson training on February 24, 2025 at 10:00am. Call 859-257-5582 to register.

Pressure Canning Class March 13, 2025 ~ 6-9pm or March 14, 2025 ~10am-1pm

Learn how to use a pressure canner. These will both take place at the Fayette County Extension Office. All materials will be provided. Class size is limited to 10, so register as soon as possible <u>https://fayette.ca.uky.edu/classregistration</u>. Class is Free and limited to one session per person!

2024-25 Homemaker Lesson Calendar

• Using Your Air Fryer ~ March 26 at 6:00pm

Lexington, KY 40506

Composition in Photography ~ April 24 at 6:00pm

Call (859) 257-5582 to register.

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Agriculture and Natural Resources Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Youth Development Community and Economic Development

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Grandparents As Parents of Kentucky

www.gapofky.org

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Clarion Hotel 1950 Newtown Pike Lexington, KY 40511

\$10 for grandparents, relatives or caregivers

\$75 for professionals (includes for CEUs)

21st Annual Bluegrass Regional

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference

Registration required: Deadline - March 5, 2025 For complete program and registration forms visit: <u>http://gapofky.org</u> or call: (859) 257-5582

to have the program packet mailed

Grandparents, caregivers, relatives and professionals are invited to the 21st GAP (Grandparents and relatives As Parents) Conference to acquire relevant information regarding the primary care of children.

> 8:00 AM-3:30 PM - <u>Resource & Benefits Fair</u> (Limited number of legal consultations available throughout the day)

> > 8:00 AM - Registration

8:30 AM	Successfully Raised	1:00 PM	Workshop Session Two		
	Dr. Demetrus Liggins, Fayette County Public		<u>The Effects of Substance Use on Kids</u>,		
	Schools, Superintendent		<u>Parents and the Family System</u>		
9:00 AM	Cultivating Resilient Seeds: Nurturing Children		Geoff Wilson, Lexington Counseling & Psychiatry		
	<u>Through Trauma</u>		5. <u>Navigating Financial Uncertainty</u>		
	Dr. Clarissa Roan-Belle, Licensed Psychologist		Dale Morgan, CEO & Founder of		
	Higher Horizons		FOUNDATION47, LLC		
10:45 AM	Workshop Session One		6. <u>Navigating the Journey: Empowering</u>		
	1. Legal 101: The Basics of Family Court		<u>Families and Caregivers of Individual's with</u>		
	Judge Tiffany Yahr & Hon. Corey Lee		Autism and/or Disabilities		
	2. The Impact of Social Media on Mental		Samantha Fields, A Different World Inc.		
	Health	2:10 PM	Kevnote Session		
	Geoff Wilson, Lexington Counseling & Psychiatry		7. Tending to the Gardener: Self-Care for		
	3. Taking Care of Your Crown		Caregivers Raising Trauma Exposed Children		
	Maranda Brooks, Fayette County Extension Agent		Dr. Clarissa Roan-Belle, Licensed Psychologist		
	for Family and Consumer Sciences		Higher Horizons		
	Montequa Jackson, Posh Salon				
12:00 PM					
*For full workshop descriptions please visit www.gapofky.org Online registration available:					

Find us on Facebook Grandparents As Parents Conference Online registration available: Scan the QR code



Grandparents/Relatives Signup for a FREE LEGAL CONSULT

Conference Committee:				
Maranda Brooks, Fayette County Cooperative Extension Office Lynn Byers, East Jessamine Middle School Youth Service Center Ann D'Ambruoso, Family Law of Kentucky, PLLC Melissa Dickey, Community Volunteer Mary Jo Dendy, Meadowthorpe Family Resource Center Carl Devine, Devine Law Group, PLLC Kathy Distler, Grandmother Anna Dominick, Osborne Fletcher, PLLC Regina Goodman, Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging Arion Jett-Seals, Council on Post Secondary Education	Kelly Justice, Division of Youth Services Martha McFarland, LFUCG Aging Services Lindsay Medley, LFUCG Aging Services & Independent Living Kate O' Ferral, Deep Springs Family Resource Center Donna Rash, Raised by Relatives Sheila Rentfrow, UK College of Social Work Dale Sanders, Grandfather Samantha Sheets, Kindred Program Director, The Bair Foundation Mary West, KET			



An Evening of Love: Sound Healing Handpan Performance

Come out and experience an evening of soothing sounds that capture relaxation and wonder as Peter uses handpans to tell a story through each song.

February 12, 2025

6:00-7:00pm

EVENT COST: \$5.00 DINNER PROVIDED

FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE 1140 HARRY SYKES WAY, LEXINGTON

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 6, 2025 ON-LINE: <u>HTTPS://FAYETTE.CA.UKY.EDU/CLASSREGISTRATION</u> OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 859-257-5582



Pete Wallace is a handpan artist and sound healer at the Sound Healing Center of Lexington. Sponsored by Hamsa Handpans, Pete has composed over 40 original songs, recorded three albums, and believes his handpans tell a unique story. A former professional player for Rav Vast, Pete brings a lifetime of musical experience to his healing soundscapes.

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JUMP START FITNESS 2025: **ZUMBA WITH MARANDA**

Fayette County Extension Office 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington, KY

5:15-6:00PM **JANUARY 9TH AND 23RD FEBRUARY 13TH AND 27TH**

Space is limited and registration required. https://fayette.ca.uky.edu/classregistration or call the Extension office at 859-257-5582!

SPECIAL INCENTIVES AT EACH CLASS!

ALL ARE WELCOME

FREE!

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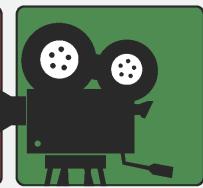
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fcs presents: BLACK EXCELLENCE THROUGH FILM

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 5:30-8:00P



1140 HARRY SYKES WAY, LEXINGTON-

ENJOY A COMMUNITY DINNER AND VIEWING OF "THE SIX TRIPLE EIGHT"

COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEBRARY 18, 2025 REGISTER ON-LINE: <u>HTTPS://FAYETTE.CA.UKY.EDU/CLASSREGISTRATION</u> OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 859-257-5582

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SENSORY SPRING

DATE: 03/02/25

TIME: 1PM - 3PM

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WHERE: FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE 1140 HARRY SYKES WAY LEXINGTON KY 40504



Call 859-257-5582 to register

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Homebased Microprocessing Workshop

Homebased Microprocessors are farmers who grow and harvest produce to use in their valueadded products. Homebased microprocessors are required to grow a predominant ingredient in the products they make. The first step to becoming certified as a homebased microprocessor is to attend a Homebased Microprocessor (HBM) workshop presented by the University of Kentucky.



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4-H Youth Development

Extension Service Agriculture and Natural Resources Family and Consumer Sciences

March 10, 2025 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fayette County Extension Office 1140 Harry Sykes Way Lexington, KY 40504

To register & for additional dates/locations: ukfcs.net/HBM

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JOIN US FOR

Calendar Cooking COOKING THROUGH THE CALENDAR

Fayette County Cooperative Extension Office

Join us at the Fayette County Extension office 6:00-7:30pm for our monthly cooking demonstration and sampling. Try tasty Nutrition Education Program Calendar recipes and discover strategies to eat healthier and cook at home!

FREE! Registration required. Register online: fayette.ca.uky.edu/classregistration or call 859-257-5582

February 6: Cauliflower Bites March 6: Crunchy Air Fryer Fish April 3: Lemon Broccoli Pasta May I: Banana Pancakes June 5: Rice and Bean Salad

July 2: Chicken Burgers August 7: Slow Cooker Asian Pork Tacos September 4: Grits, Greens and Egg Bowl October 2: Cheesy Pumpkin Pasta Bake November 6: Parmesan Carrot Chips December 4: Lasagna Soup







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Laughand Learn





Join our 2025 Laugh and Learn Playdate Program that targets school readiness objectives! Each month offers learning activities that are relevant to children's development and will coincide to help celebrate holidays or seasonal festivities. Each session is at the Fayette County Extension Office from 10-11:30am.

FREE for all children ages birth to 5 and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Lessons include a healthy snack, book, craft, music activity, fine motor and large motor activities, and free play. For more information, contact our office at 859-2575582 or email Caroline McMahan at caroline.mcmahan@uky.edu

> 2025 Program Schedule: 2/26 5/21 9/24 2/10 CIDE 10/00

	8/27	12/17
4/23	7/23	11/19
3/19	0/25	10/29

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Charcuterie 101

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April 7, 2025 6:00-8:00pm

Fayette County Extension Office 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington

Learn the art and safety of creating a charcuterie board.

Be sure to sign up soon for this FREE class as space is limited!

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EMERGENCY HEALTH INFORMATION CARDS

April 21, 2025 6:00-7:00pm

Fayette County Extension Office 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington

If you are in an emergency in which you cannot communicate with first responders, an EHI card can help. It will tell medical providers important information about how to help you.

The session focuses on who can benefit from carrying an EHI card, information that should and should not be included, and where to put copies of an EHI card.

Be sure to sign up soon for this FREE class as space is limited!

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For More Plate It Up Recipes, Visit: <u>https://fcs-es.ca.uky.edu/content/plate-it-</u> <u>kentucky-proud</u>



Chicken and Brussels Sprouts One Pan Meal

2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 1 pound) 1 tablespoon olive oil Salt and pepper to taste 12-14 Brussels sprouts, trimmed and quartered 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms 1 red bell pepper, diced, about 1 cup

1 medium yellow onion, diced, about 1 cup 2 cloves garlic, minced ½ cup half-and-half ¼ teaspoon nutmeg ¾ cup Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. Heat oil in a heavy, oven-safe skillet or pan over medium heat. Add chicken and sauté 3-4 minutes. Lightly season with salt and pepper. Add vegetables and stir gently to combine. Cook 3-5 minutes until vegetables are tender. Remove from heat. If skillet or pan is not oven-safe, transfer mixture to a baking dish. In a small bowl, combine

half-and-half, nutmeg and salt and

pepper to taste. **Pour** mixture over chicken and vegetables. **Sprinkle** with Parmesan cheese. **Bake** 25-30 minutes until lightly golden on top. **Serve** hot. **Yield:** 6.1 cup servings

Nutritional Analysis:

220 calories, 9 g fat, 3.5 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat, 70 mg cholesterol, 340 mg sodium, 11 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 4 g sugars, 23 g protein.

Finding flexibility with foods

We have all heard of different diet trends like the keto diet, the paleo diet, the low-carb diet, and so many more. There is a new one on the block. And rather than restricting what we eat, it focuses on flexibility with food. It is called the flexitarian diet.

The flexitarian diet was originally designed to be a flexible vegetarian diet. It was named for a diet that emphasizes beans, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, but still included animal products occasionally. It was then adapted to be a way of eating that might benefit many of us.

The flexitarian diet is a flexible diet, like the name suggests. Instead of strict calorie counting, monitoring your macronutrient intake, or removing a food group altogether, it focuses on flexibility with food. It encourages adding more plant-based foods to meals and snacks. This includes vegetables and protein foods that come from plants like beans, nuts, and legumes. It also promotes the balance of meat consumption with these plant-based options and encourages lean meats when you do choose animal products. These include fish, poultry, eggs, and lean beef like "loin" or 90% or higher.

While you can find "rules" for this diet online, you can make it what you want. Start small by cutting your ground beef consumption in half and balancing it with black beans in your Taco Tuesday meal. Eventually, you may choose to refrain from the ground beef altogether. But for now, take it one step at a time and find what works for you.

By incorporating more of these food items into your diet, it can increase your intake of the nutrients you want a higher amount of, such as fiber, vitamins, and minerals. It also naturally limits the intake of nutrients you might not want as much of like added sugar, sodium, and saturated fats. As the cherry on top, a lot of plantbased options are affordable and shelf-stable compared to animal-sourced products. In this way, it might save money and stretch your food dollar.

A diet is simply a way of eating. So, finding one with a label is not necessary. The flexitarian diet allows you to make it what you want while encouraging more health-benefiting foods and can save you a dollar or two in the long run.

Reference: https://health.clevelandclinic.org/what-is-the-flexitarian-diet

Source: Anna Cason, Extension associate for food and nutrition



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