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# YOU'RE INVITED!

# 2025 FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKER ANNUAL MEETING

# MAY 21, 2025, 6:00PM FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

The Fayette County Homemakers are hosting their annual meeting!

The theme this year is "Weathering the Storm."

Cameron Sellers, Disaster Preparedness Educator and the Kentucky State University Mobile Disaster Unit will be on site along with some



disaster preparedness guest speakers. We look forward to seeing you there!

> Catering by City BBQ Cost: \$15



Clubs bring a basket for the Basket Raffle to support our scholarship program.

Clubs can decorate their table beginning at 2:00pm.

Bring flood relief donations.

Attendees will be entered for a chance at an emergency prep kit valued at over \$80.

Make check payable to: Fayette County Extension Homemakers Return to: Homemaker Annual Meeting, 1140 Harry Sykes Way, Lexington, KY 40504

Registration Deadline: May 14, 2025

Lexington, KY 40506

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#### Spring cleaning for your mental health

Source: Natese Dockery, clinical assistant professor and extension specialist for mental health and well-being

Ever feel like your home is practically shouting at you to tidy up? You're not alone! With busy schedules and endless to-do lists, it's easy for clutter to pile up—along with your stress levels. While spring cleaning might seem like just another chore, it can actually work wonders for your mental health. A fresh, organized home doesn't just look good; it helps you feel better, too.

Believe it or not, clutter can contribute to feelings of anxiety, overwhelm and even depression. When you're surrounded by mess and disorganization, it's a constant reminder of everything you still need to do. On the flip side, an orderly space can foster mental clarity, reduce stress and give you a sense of calm. If you're ready to spruce up your home—and your mind—here are some practical strategies:

- 1. **Prioritize tasks:** Start small instead of throwing yourself into a massive cleaning frenzy. Pick one manageable job—like decluttering a drawer or organizing a single shelf—and go from there. Success with smaller tasks can motivate you to tackle bigger ones later on.
- 2. **Focus on one room at a time:** It's easy to get stuck rushing from one part of the house to another, only to realize you've created more chaos. Concentrate on one area until it's done. Checking off each room provides a sweet sense of accomplishment.
- 3. **Use a timer:** Got a big job ahead, like sorting through an entire closet? Break it down. Set a timer for 20 or 30 minutes and work until it goes off. This keeps you focused, helps prevent procrastination, and makes large tasks feel more approachable.
- 4. **Spread out the cleaning:** Unless you thrive on marathon cleaning sessions, don't try to do everything at once. For most of us, it's easier on both mind and body to spread tasks over several days or weeks. This way, you won't burn out before you're done.
- 5. **Ask for help:** Do you have more on your plate than you can handle alone? Call in reinforcements! Friends, family, or even roommates can make big projects more manageable. Plus, it can actually be fun when you're working together. Crank up the music, chat and turn it into a social event.
- 6. **Mindful cleaning:** As you dust or scrub, pay attention to the sensations in your body. Feel your muscles working, notice the scents around you and focus on the moment. This kind of mindfulness can reduce stress and help you relax.
- 7. **Celebrate your progress:** Give yourself a pat on the back or even a small reward each time you complete a task. Recognizing your achievements keeps you motivated and encourages a positive outlook.

Remember, the goal of spring cleaning isn't just a squeaky-clean home, it's also about giving your mental health a little TLC. By chipping away at clutter, focusing on one task at a time, and inviting mindfulness into your routine, you can turn spring cleaning into a surprisingly refreshing and stress-relieving experience.

#### In the Face of Disaster Classes

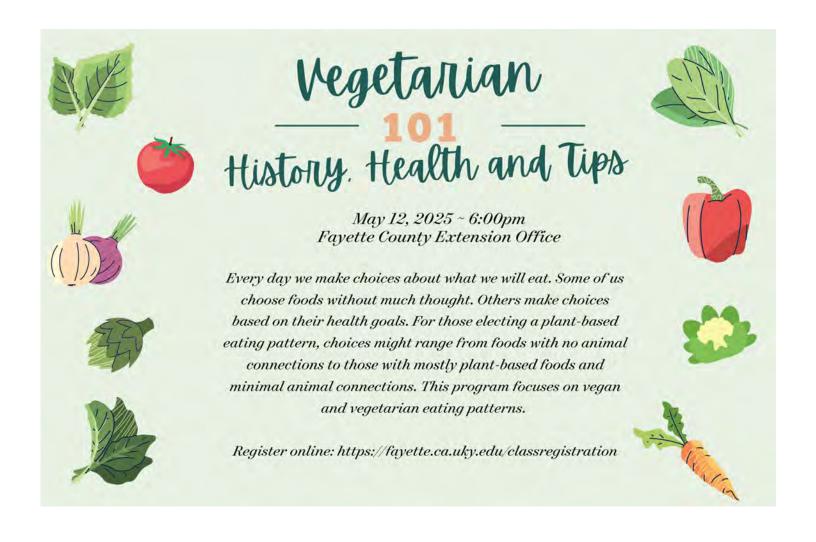
Saturday, May 10th at 2pm at Beaumont Library - In the Face of Disaster: At-risk and Aging Populations

Disaster can strike at a moment's notice. Therefore, it is important to have a plan and know in advance what to do in case of an emergency. This is especially true for older adults and people with disabilities. People with access and functional needs or disabilities face a special challenge when staring down a natural disaster. Their needs do not go away in a state of emergency. As a result, preparedness planning requires more considerations.

Classes are free. Contact Caroline McMahan at 859-257-5582 with questions. Register through the Beaumont Library on their website (<a href="https://www.lexpublib.org/locations/beaumont-branch">https://www.lexpublib.org/locations/beaumont-branch</a>) or contact adult programmer Ezra Nix, email: <a href="mailto:enix@lexpublib.org">enix@lexpublib.org</a>

#### Foster Care Sewing Project June 21, 2025, 9:00am

One of Fayette County Extension Homemakers most meaningful community contributions is the 'duffle bag' project. Led by Sierra Smith, this program is based upon the need for children to have their own spacious bag to use for moves between placements, personal use, and storage. These kits are precut, so if you can press, pin or sew, your help is definitely needed. These bags will be delivered both locally and statewide. Volunteers can arrive late and/or leave early. There is no charge for all the fun you will have!



# CALENDAY 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

May 1: 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









# Laugh & Learn

# Playdate

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:

5/21 7/23 10/29 6/25 8/27 11/19 9/24 12/17

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## 4-PART **IN-PERSON SERIES**

5:30-7:30 p.m. May 8, 15, 22 & 29

Fayette Cooperative Extension office 1140 Harry Sykes Way Lexington, KY 40504

#### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** FOR THIS FREE PROGRAM.

ASK HOW YOU CAN BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$30 GIFT CARD!

# **HEALTHY LIVING** With diabetes

- Learn new information, tools and skills to manage your diabetes every day.
- · Work with a diabetes care and education specialist to set and track goals.
- · Practice how to fit diabetes care into all parts of your
- · Sample a cooking-on-the-grill recipe each week!

**Please contact Nancy Hiner** at 859-288-2344 to sign up.

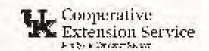
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Join us for a





Hosted by Woodford, Fayette, and Jessumine County Extension Offices!

This will be a 2-day event! Friday evening, you will be learning table etiquette and prepping your very own homemade pastries. Saturday, you will arrive and get to put your etiquette skills to test as we have a lovely tea party and get to enjoy your homemade pastries that you made Friday evening! Dress in your best tea party attire on Saturday! Please call the Jessamine Co. Office at (859)885-4811 to register! Limited Space.

Friday, May 9th Spm-7:30pm and Saturday, May 10th 10am-12:30pm

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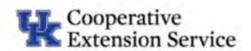
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# Kicks & Glam Sensory Prom Where Glamaraus Gauge Mark Stulials State

Where Glamorous Gowns Meet Stylish Sneakers

**DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025** 

TIME: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION: FAYETTE COUNTY

**EXT OFFICE** 

1140 HARRY SYKES WAY **LEXINGTON, KY 40504** 

**Dress Code:** 

**Formal with Sneakers** 

FOR MIDDLE & HIGH **SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY \*** 



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## **Blueprint Kentucky**



BUSINESS CLIMATE LUNCH AND LEARN



**Monday** 

May 19, 2025



Time

12:30 - 2:00 PM



Fayette County Extension Office 1140 Harry Sykes Way, 40504

Join us for this FREE learning opportunity for entrepreneurs, businesses and business owners that you won't want to miss. Lunch will be provided while we discuss:

- Entrepreneurial business supports
- BRE trying to retain current employees
- Recruiting workforce for existing businesses

## Register to attend today!

Register on-line:

https://fayette.ca.uky.edu/classregistration or call the office at 859-257-5582





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## Let's dance to the rhythm of our souls

# Afrobeat

#### What you will learn

- \*Foot work
- \*Body movement.
- \*Amapiano
- \*Skelewu
- \*Lots more



Feel the rhythm of the motherland

#### **Presented By:**

Safari Entertainment, Lexington KY

Join us in this 45 minute of movement.

We will open with stories and close with reflections

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Wednesdays, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm

**Cost:** \$5 per person per session **Bring:** A water bottle, towel, and good footwear

Register on-line for each date you wish to attend:

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or call the office at 859-257-5582

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# **FCS PRESENTS:**

# SMALL SELF-CARE STEPS







## 1140 HARRY SYKES WAY, LEXINGTON, KY 40504

We will be introducing you to some fun and economical ways to enjoy self-care. Learn to take small steps towards improving your mental health and overall wellbeing.

Join us for one or all sessions of this series!

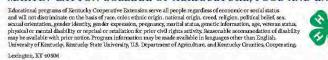
Time: All sessions are from 4:30-6:00pm

Cost: \$5.00 per session

REGISTER ON-LINE: HTTPS://FAYETTE.CA.UKY.EDU/CLASSREGISTRATION
OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 859-257-5582

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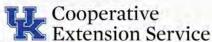






# **Social Security Planning Seminar:**

What Baby Boomers Need to Know About Their



**Retirement Income** 

# **Problem:**

People are hurting their retirement by making costly decisions about Social Security.

People Often come to the issue of claiming Social Security with little knowledge about how it works.

### **DISCUSSION TOPIC'S**

- Social Security is inflationprotected income.
- Your monthly benefit will be reduced if you claim early.
- Couples should always
   maximize the higher earners
   benefit to protect the
   surviving spouse.
- 4. If you are widowed you may
  be eligible for survivor
  benefits

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# When and Where:

When: May 27th 5:30-6:30

July 15th 5:30-6:30 November 25th 5:30-6:30

#### Where:

1140 Harry Sykes Way Lexington, KY 40504

#### PRESENTED BY:

JQ Financial Solutions
Wyatt Finnell
502-432-2480.
wfinnell@moneyconcepts.com



**Register** on-line: https://fayette.ca.uky.edu/classregistration or call the office at 859-257-5582!

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# The Mind Body Connection Series

6:00-7:30pm ~ Fayette County Extension Office

June 12 - Introduction and exercise practice for adults
July 10 - Deep breathing and simple meditation
August 14-Basic standing and seated stretching exercises
September 11 - Beginner level balance and standing stretches



This series introduces safe, simple meditation techniques, deep breathing methods, and basic standing and seated stretching exercises. This program will introduce you to physical activities and flexibility exercises and you will learn how to release stress and tension when needed. Each session will build on the previous session, and practice of techniques learned is encouraged between sessions.



Register online: https://fayette.ca.uky.edu/classregistration



# CREATING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

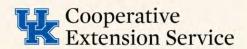


June 26, 2025 ~ 6:00pm Fayette County Extension Office

The demographic makeup of Kentucky is changing. Our communities are improved by initiatives and strategies that build the capacity of local community members as the social and cultural fabric of the state evolves. To better prepare community members for service and community stewardship, Creating Welcoming Communities seeks to engage participants in better knowing their own culture and in gaining respect for culturally related strengths.

Register online: https://fayette.ca.uky.edu/classregistration





## May 15, 2025 8:30am-3:00pm

Clarion Hotel
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY

Join us in person for the 38th annual one-day seminar about how to live your best life as you grow older!

High on Life: A Clinical Update on Medicinal Cannabis
Lauren Bojarski, DO, MS

Come join the fun!!

Understanding Al Rick Sellnow

<u>Dream Big, Plant Small</u> Beau Spicer Jr.

Vision Screening
Sarah Jackson

You won't want to miss this day of learning!

Healthy Habits for Brain Health

April Stauffer, Meredith Plant, Maranda Brooks

Oh the Places We Can Go!

Martha Duncan

Nutrition for Older Adults
Anna Cason, RD, LD, Heather Norman-Burgdolf, PhD

Preparing, Planning and VA Benefits
Grant Bolt, CFSP

Melodies for the Mind: Music and Healthy Aging Nora Veblen, MM, MT-BC, Chelsea Gibbs, MT-BC

**Registration Deadline:** For complete registration forms and to register online visit:

May 5, 2025 <a href="https://www.embracingthenextbestyears.org/">https://www.embracingthenextbestyears.org/</a>

Call: (859) 257-5582 to have the program packet mailed.



For More Plate It Up Recipes, Visit: https://fcs-es.ca.uky.edu/content/plateit-kentucky-proud



#### Dijon Chicken Asparagus Roll Ups

3 tablespoons Dijon mustard 1/2 cup low fat mayonnaise 1 lemon, juiced (approximately 3 tablespoons)

2 teaspoons black pepper 1/2 teaspoon salt 16 spears fresh asparagus, trimmed

2 teaspoons dried thyme 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 5 ounces each) 4 slices skimmed mozzarella cheese 1 cup panko bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease an 11-by-7-inch baking dish. In a bowl, mix together the mustard, mayonnaise, lemon juice, thyme, salt and pepper; set aside. Place asparagus in a microwave safe dish and microwave on high 1-11/2 minutes. Place chicken breasts between two sheets of heavy plastic (a re-sealable freezer bag works well) on a firm surface. Pound the chicken breasts with the smooth side of a meat mallet to thickness of 1/4 inch. Place one slice of cheese and four asparagus spears on each breast. Tightly roll the chicken breasts around the asparagus

and cheese. Place each, seam side down, in the prepared baking dish. Apply a coating of the mustard mixture to each chicken breast and sprinkle each with the panko crumbs, pressing the crumbs into the chicken to secure. Bake 35 minutes or until the chicken temperature is 165 degrees F. For crisper chicken, place roll-ups under the broiler for 1-2 minutes on high.

Yield: 4 servings

#### **Nutritional Analysis:**

370 calories, 10 g fat, 3.5 g saturated fat, 115 mg cholesterol, 1060 mg sodium, 2 g fiber, 2 g sugars, 41 g protein.

#### FCS CLASSES

#### **Basket Coiling Workshop** ~ May 20, 2025 ~ 10:00am-4:00pm

Come learn the ancient process of basketry! Coiling involves combining wrapping a core material and sewing. We will be working with long-leaf pine needles, cotton thread and beeswax. Your instructors, Michelle Lane, Alyssum Pohl, and Linda Lane have made over 450 baskets between them. They will speak about the indigenous history of this style of basketry, how to process pine needles if you forage them yourself, and multiple stitch designs as we all work on our baskets together. Please

bring: pair of scissors, and a pair of pliers (optional). Class limited to 12 individuals. In this class, you will start your basket (similar to shown in the photo), and will have skills to finish the basket on your own or during make-up classes. There is a choice of three different basket bases, please let us know which you prefer (#1, #2, or #3). You will learn the V-Stitch, Wrapping, and Diagonal-Stitch and a Back Stitch. Cost \$45. Materials will be included

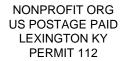
**BASKET CLASSES SIZE ARE LIMITED, REGISTER EARLY! Please note:** Supplies are specially cut for each basket two days prior to class If you need to cancel your class, please call us 72 hours prior to receive a full refund. There will be no refund after that time. NO EXCEPTIONS!

#### **FCS Class Registration Form**

Name:		Phone:	
Address:	City:		Zip:
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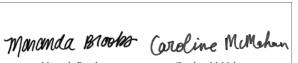




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# Fayette County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Newsletter



Maranda Brooks Caroline McMahan County Extension Agents for Family and Consumer Sciences



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