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Garrard County Family and Consumer Sciences Newsletter

Hi Everybody!

I hope you are all staying warm and cozy during this chilly weather we've been having! Keep an eye out for school closings. FCS events will, in general, follow the same weather policy as Garrard County Schools, but if you're unsure, always call the office or check Facebook for cancellation notices.

February is American Heart Month, which focuses on motivating Americans to adopt healthy lifestyles to prevent heart disease, a leading cause of death in the U.S. Every year, Americans suffer more than 1.5 million heart attacks and strokes. The good news is that you can help reduce your risk and improve your heart health by choosing healthy habits and following the ABCs! Check out page 3 to learn about the ABCs of Heart Health!

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Upcoming Events



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FRIENDLY FIBERS GROUP MEETS EVERY 4TH MONDAY AT 1:30 AT THE OFFICE. JOIN ANYTIME IF YOU LIKE KNITTING. CROCHET. OR OTHER TYPES OF NEEDLEWORK! YOGA CLASS!

INSTRUCTOR: KRISTINA BEAMAN COST: \$5 PER CLASS TIMES:

TUESDAYS AT 7PM (BEGINNER AND ADVANCED) THURSDAYS AT 9AM (CHAIR YOGA)

FOR MORE INFO. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR CHECK OUT THE "YOGA W/ KRISTINA" FACEBOOK GROUP!

February 25th 10-11am

Cooperative Extension Service Garrard County Extension Office 1302 Stanford Rd.

February Topic: My Family/ Love

Inis is a kindergarten readiness program for ages 2-5. Each session will include story time, snacks, crafts, and activities that will engage your little one and provide developmentally supportive play to help prepare them for school! Parents or guardians must be present at all Lauah and Learn playdates!

> To RSVP: Please call 859-792-302 or email Kayla.lunsford@uKy.edu

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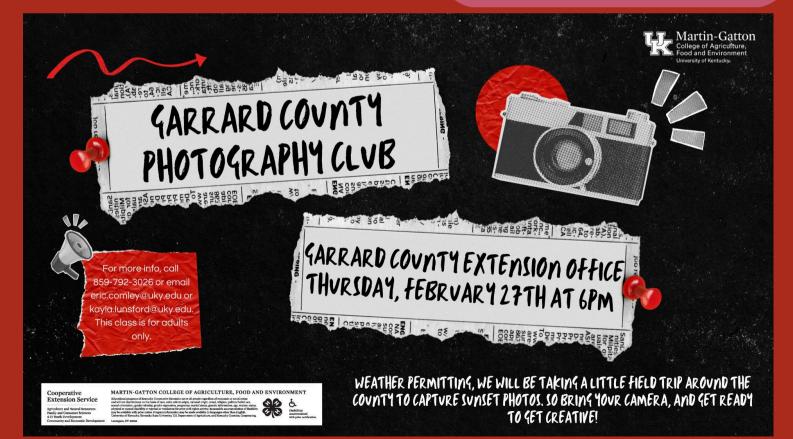
The ABCs of Heart Health

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B: CONTROL YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE. FIND OUT WHAT YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE NUMBERS ARE. AND ASK YOUR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHAT THOSE NUMBERS MEAN FOR YOUR HEALTH. IF YOU HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. WORK WITH YOUR HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL TO LOWER IT.

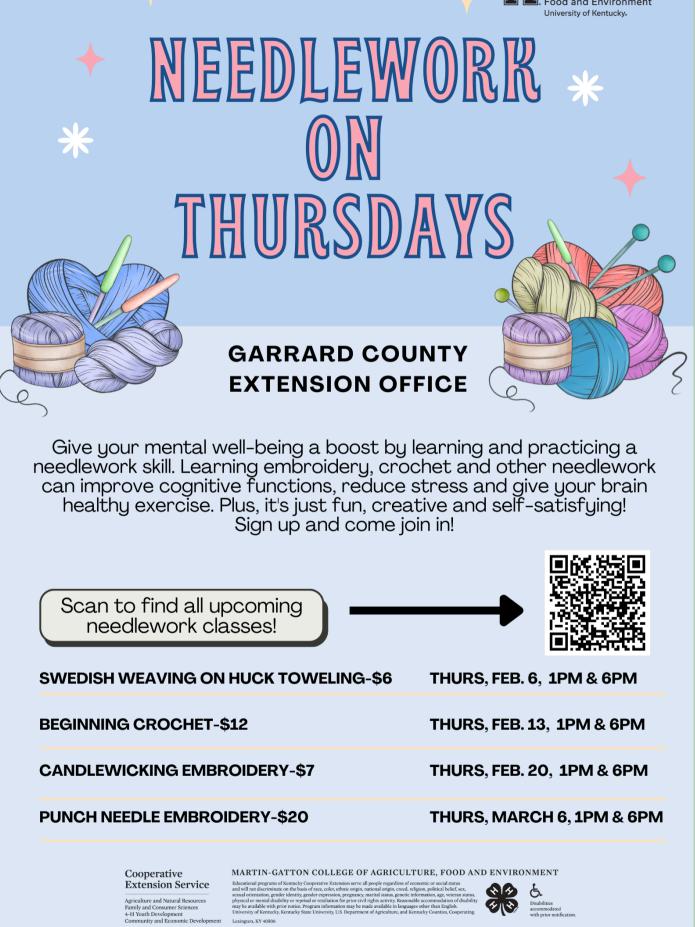
C: MANAGE YOUR CHOLESTEROL. THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHOLESTEROL. ONE TYPE IS "GOOD" AND CAN PROTECT YOU FROM HEART DISEASE. BUT ANOTHER TYPE IS "BAD" AND CAN INCREASE YOUR RISK. TALK TO YOUR HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONAL ABOUT CHOLESTEROL AND HOW TO LOWER YOUR BAD CHOLESTEROL IF IT IS TOO HIGH.

S: DO NOT SMOKE. SMOKING RAISES YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE. WHICH INCREASES YOUR RISK FOR HEART ATTACK AND STROKE. IF YOU SMOKE. QUIT. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO QUIT SMOKING.





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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 DAYTIME CLASS: 1-3PM | EVENING CLASS: 6-8PM

Please register via Eventbrite.com by February 3rd. Just scan the QR code, specify if you'd like to attend the 1pm or 6pm class, then follow instructions for checkout! You can also bring cash or check payment to the Extension Office. Call 859-792-3026 if you need assistance with registration.





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Bring: 5 Skeins of 100% cotton Embroidery Floss same color. All other supplies will be furnished. Registration and Payment Due: Monday, February 3



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 DAYTIME CLASS: 1-3PM | EVENING CLASS: 6-8PM

Please register via Eventbrite.com by February 17th. Just scan the QR code, specify if you'd like to attend the 1pm or 6pm class, then follow instructions for checkout! You can also bring cash or check payment to the Extension Office. Call 859-792-3026 if you need assistance with registration.



Bring 6-inch embroidery hoop. All other supplies will be furnished including threads, base fabrics and designs. Deadline for Registering: Monday, February 17



Garrard County Extension Office Cost: \$12 | Class Limit of 6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 DAYTIME CLASS: 1-3PM | EVENING CLASS: 6-8PM

Please register via Eventbrite.com by February 7th. Just scan the QR code, specify if you'd like to attend the 1pm or 6pm class, then follow instructions for checkout! You can also bring cash or check payment to the Extension Office. Call 859-792-3026 if you need assistance with registration.



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All supplies will be furnished including hooks, yarns and patterns. Deadline for Registering: Friday, February 7



Garrard County Extension Office Cost: \$20

THURSDAY, MARCH 6 DAYTIME CLASS: 1-3PM | EVENING CLASS: 6-8PM

Please register via Eventbrite.com by February 26th. Just scan the QR code, specify if you'd like to attend the 1pm or 6pm class, then follow instructions for checkout! You can also bring cash or check payment to the Extension Office. Call 859-792-3026 if you need assistance with registration.



Bring 6-inch embroidery hoop. All other supplies will be furnished including multiple needles, base fabrics, threads/yarns and designs. Deadline for Registering: Wednesday, February 26

Homemaker Happenings



FEBRUARY LEADER LEADER LESSON

Elements and Principles of Art

Led by Lincoln County FCS Agent, Jody Paver

February 27th at 10am Garrard County Extension Office Call or Email to Register: 859-792-3026 or kayla.lunsford@uky.edu Everyone is welcome!

Art is not just about looking nice; it's about how it makes us feel and think. Knowing these basic parts of art can help us understand why certain designs or artworks stand out or communicate certain messages.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE 25'-26' LEADER LESSON BALLOT AND RETURN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY MARCH 30THI YOUR INPUT HELPS DETERMINE NEXT YEAR'S LESSONSI FOUND AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.

UPCOMING DATES

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COUNTRYSIDE CLUB: FEB. 20TH, 11AM @ PIGGIN' OUT

GO-GETTER'S CLUB: FEBRUARY 10TH, 6PM, EXTENSION OFFICE

HOMEMAKER COUNCIL MEETING: FEB. 24TH AT 6PM

CULTURAL ARTS CARD LEADER LESSON: FEB. 27TH AT 10AM

COUNTY CULTURAL ARTS CONTEST: MARCH 17TH



Exercise for Everybody

Learn about non-impact exercises to help improve balance, posture, muscular strength, and ability to perform daily living activities.

Date: April 24, 2025 Time: 10am Location: Franklin Co. Extension Office 101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort KY Please call (502) 695-9035 to register. Registration deadline is April 17th.

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within the past KEHA year (July 1 – June 30). Logs are due to the county Leadership Chairman or designated contact by July 1. family, friends, and neighbors. See KEHA Handbook pages 89-90 for complete category descriptions. Report all hours earned

by KEHA members. Community = Service to other entities/organizations in the community (not Extension or KEHA projects). Personal = Unpaid service to Categories: Extension = Volunteer service for projects or programs directed by an Extension Agent. KEHA = Volunteer hours for projects initiated and led

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VOLUNTEER HOURS! : FILLING OUT THOSE Volunteer Service Unit (VSU) Log (copy as needed)

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GARRARD COUNTY HOMEMAKERS 2025

Cutural Arts

Contest

Entry Time: March 17th, 9am–12pm Pick Up Time: March 21st, 8am–4:30pm

Blue Ribbon Winners will advance to the Fort Harrod Area Contest in April and compete against 7 other counties.

To view the list of categories and rules, visit: https://tinyurl.com/ycy3jjw6 or scan the QR code. You may also stop by the office for a hard copy.





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Please check one: Individual Ballot_____ Club Ballot, Club Name_

Please choose the top 8 lessons you would like taught in the 2025-2026 Extension Homemaker year. Return your ballot to your County Extension Office **no later than March 30, 2025**.

Cultural Arts and Heritage

Composition in Photography – Looking to take photographs that not only capture the memory, but also enhance it? Participants will receive a handout with suggestions for successful composition in photography.

Environment, Housing, and Energy

Carbon Monoxide – Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that you can't smell or see. Every year, hundreds of people die from carbon monoxide poisoning and thousands more become ill from it. In this lesson, learn what steps you can take to keep you and your loved ones safe from this dangerous gas that is all around us.

Radon: A Silent Killer – Do you know which cancer is the nation's leading cause of deaths? It may surprise you. The answer is lung cancer. And something in Kentucky homes may be contributing to the cause. Kentucky leads the nation in the number of new cancer cases and lung cancer deaths. Not only is this because of Kentucky's high smoking rates, but also because of Kentucky's high radon levels.

International

<u>Creating Welcoming Communities</u> - All societies experience shifts in culture, and modern America is no exception. With this lesson, become a more prepared community volunteer by understanding how culture makes all of us unique. We will examine our own culture, understand culturally related strengths of both ourselves and of others, and gain an understanding of oppressive experiences and their effects. As we seek to build a stronger Kentucky, KEHA volunteers can lead the way in making the state more welcoming to all newcomers in the Commonwealth.

Family and Individual Development

Mental Health Matters - Mental health is important for overall health at every life stage—from childhood through older adulthood. It includes emotional, psychological, and social well-being and affects how a person thinks, feels, and behaves. This lesson will highlight why mental health matters and draw attention to symptoms of mental health concerns and resources that are available to help with mental well-being.

Navigating Trauma After a Natural Disaster - This lesson will focus on coping with trauma that may occur after a natural disaster. However, leaders should keep in mind that trauma can result from other forms of loss besides a natural disaster. Trauma is our body's response when we experience an event that is life-threatening or emotionally hurtful. The lesson will provide valuable tips and skills to aid in recognizing and coping with trauma as well as how to help others in the community who might experience trauma.

Food, Nutrition, and Health

Yoga-ta Try This! - Yoga is far from a new practice but has become popular today as a mainstream form of exercise. There also are many health benefits of doing yoga beyond physical activity. This lesson introduces yoga – what it is, why you might be interested in trying it, and some poses.

How to Get Out of a Mealtime Rut - When you or a family member find out what is on the menu for dinner, is the typical response "Again?" If you dread the thought of cleaning another dish or you just can't think of the last time you were excited by your own cooking, you may be in a cooking rut. The goal of this lesson is to share creative strategies that you can use to overcome mealtime ruts and prepare meals at home. Participants will be able to explain why it is important to prepare home-cooked meals, describe several creative strategies to come up with meal ideas, and identify ways to reduce barriers related to preparing meals at home.

Inspiring Grandchildren to Become Grand Cooks - Learning cooking skills early in life improves skills and confidence in the kitchen, which can lead to higher diet quality to support health later in life. The decrease in kitchen skills over generations means grandparents are an important resource for helping grandchildren navigate the kitchen. We'll share ideas for bringing different generations together in the kitchen in ways that build confidence, share knowledge and traditions, and create lasting memories.

_____Gardening Safely - Gardening is a great way to be physically active, enjoy the outdoors, and beautify your home or yard. There are added health benefits to growing your own vegetables, fruit, and herbs, as well. This lesson focuses on the health benefits of gardening, using proper motions for repetitive movement, and appropriate tools for the job at hand. If this lesson does not sound exciting at first, maybe it will grow on you!

_____Using your Air Fryer - The air fryer has increased in popularity over the last few years and has become a staple in many kitchens. This small countertop appliance offers a healthier alternative to frying food and also is popular for reheating leftovers. This lesson will focus on what air fryers are and how they work. We'll discuss the pros and cons, and consumers will feel informed when buying an air fryer.

Planning Thrifty and Healthy Holiday Meals - Cooking during the holidays doesn't have to be stressful or expensive. This lesson will focus on healthy meal planning strategies and ways to stay within your budget when preparing for a large holiday meal. You will learn kitchen time management strategies to reduce the hassle of cooking, ways to prepare low-cost and delicious recipes, holiday food safety tips, and how to maximize your leftovers to avoid waste.

Leadership Development

The Power of Civic Engagement: Strengthening Our Communities - Ready to make a difference? In this session, we'll dive into the power of civic engagement and discover how each of us can help shape a more vibrant, inclusive community. Participants will learn about different ways they can get involved — whether through volunteering or participating in local boards and organizations. This lesson is designed to inspire action and provide tools for making a positive difference in your community.

Sharing Your KEHA Message - Have you ever been asked "What does your group DO?" KEHA members are so vibrant, sometimes it can be hard to include everything in a brief statement. This lesson will help you prepare an "elevator speech" that can quickly summarize what your club or council has to offer! In addition, you will prepare responses to have ready when barriers might get in the way of inviting others to join in active membership.

Management and Safety

<u>Stretching Your Dollar: What to Do When the "Ends" Don't Meet -</u> "Making ends meet" is getting harder in today's economy. This lesson will cover how to make your dollars and resources go farther. The lesson will provide tips for managing your money in financially tough times and offer strategies for saving on groceries, gas, utilities, clothing, and other household essentials. We will explore ways to manage fixed and variable household costs with tips on spending wisely, prioritizing finances, and saving when expenses are tight.

_____Understanding Your Credit Score - Does one number define you? Find out about the meaning behind credit scores, what makes a good one, and how you can improve yours.

_____Selecting Sheets - Cooling? Percale? Bamboo? Sateen? Can someone please tell us what that all means? With so many types of sheets available, it's easy to get confused. Let's put these questions to bed and unravel the mystery of thread count, too!

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23	24 Homemaker Council 6pm	25 Laugh & Learn 10am	26	27 Leader Lesson 10am Photography Club 6pm	28	