BOURBON COUNTY EXTENSION FCS/HOMEMAKERS

NEWSLETTER





BOURBON COUNTY'S OWN BIG RED

Bourbon County's own Secretariat! He was the ninth winner of the American Triple Crown. He set the fastest time record in all three races. Fifty-two years later that record has not been broken. Bourbon County fans loved his spirit and were not surprised that upon his death it was discovered that his heart was almost three times the size of an average Thoroughbred's. Truly a horse with a big heart.



NOTHING LIKE DERBY TIME IN KENTUCKY!



May is often seen as the gateway to summer and is filled with special family celebrations –Derby events, Mother's Day, graduations, Memorial Day, vacations, birthdays, and time with friends. Take time to enjoy each moment, prioritize self-care, and rejuvenate. Bourbon County FCS also offers a variety of fun and educational activities this month–check the dates in this newsletter and mark your calendar. Most importantly, stay safe and enjoy the season!



AGS affects up to 450,000 people in US*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW (OR NOT KNOW)

- Symptoms?
- Treatment?
- Prevention?
- Diagnosis?

Let's learn together—join us May 29 for evidence-based info you can count on!

AGS friendly recipes will be available for sampling at 6:00 pm

MULTI PROGRAM AREA EVENT

*ACCORDING TO CDC

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Disabilities

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with prior notification.

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BASIC BUDGET BITES Finding the best buy on food

food is a skill you can learn with a bit of practice.

The first step starts with the price tag. Each price tag on the front edge of the grocery shelf shows helpful tips. It shows the size of the item, the retail price, and the unit price.

- Retail Price is the price you pay for each item.
- Unit Price is used to compare the price of the same unit (pound, ounce, quart, etc.) between two items. Look for the lowest price per unit. You can use the unit price to compare brands and sizes to figure out which one costs less.



 Buy in bulk. It is almost always cheaper to buy food in bulk.
Smart choices are family packs of chicken, steak, or fish and larger bags of potatoes and frozen vegetables. You can also buy



grains, such as brown rice, millet, barley, and oats, in bulk. Beans, lentils, some nuts, and dried fruit come in bulk. Buy fresh, low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese in the largest size you can use before it spoils. Larger sizes often cost less per unit than smaller ones.

Before you shop, check to make sure you have enough freezer space. You can buy canned or frozen fruits or vegetables in large amounts when they are on sale.

- Buy in season. Fruits and vegetables that are in season are often cheaper and fresher. If you buy too much, you can freeze the rest or add it into future meal plans. Farmers' markets always carry what is in season. When you can't buy in season, buy frozen. Frozen produce is just as healthy, and you can buy it at any time during the year.
- Stay away from convenience foods. Convenience foods like frozen dinners, frozen veggies with added sauces or butter, precut vegetables, pre-bagged salad mixes, flavored rice, oatmeal, or grits will cost you more. The better buy is to prepare your own. Pre-cut, pre-washed, readyto-eat, and processed foods are handy, but often cost much more.
- Stock up during sales. When products you use are on sale, stock up to save money. Make sure the products won't go out of date before you have time to use them. It won't save you money if you end up throwing it out later.

Source: Adapted from Finding the Best Deal on Food | Kentucky Nutrition Education Program (planeatmove.com)



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May 6-8	KEHA State Annual Meeting
May 12	Wreath Fabric Cutting
May 13	COUNCIL MEETING
May 20-21	Rug Class
May 22	Fabric Wreath Sewing
May 27	Fabric Wreath Assembly
May 29	Alpha Gal Syndrome Program
June 20 & 21	Horse Show Hospitality Tent
June 23-28	Bourbon County Fair
	May 6-8 May 12 May 13 May 20-21 May 22 May 27 May 29 June 20 & 21

NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE

The Bourbon County Extension Office will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

In 1557 Thomas Tusser, an English poet, wrote a poem from which the saying "April showers bring May flowers" probably originated. If that saying holds true than May should be a marvelous bouquet!

Once again, I want to take my space in our newsletter to thank those who have made April Homemaker activities possible. Those who organized and participated in the Shred-It event, the Ovarian Cancer luncheon making it possible for the county to contribute to the cancer foundation and all the committees that have held meetings this month in preparation of upcoming events. May will be an active month for homemakers so please take the time to read, sign-up and participate in the classes and activities mentioned in this newsletter. Those who organize these classes spend lots of time and energy to make them available for us so please consider participating.

As the quote mentioned above relates to the anticipated flowers of May it also conveys the idea that hardships and adversity can lead to positive outcomes. It is a reminder that difficult periods are not permanent and can be followed by good times. So, keep planning, participating and be involved in homemaker activities.

Elizabeth B Rankin Bourbon County Homemaker Presidnet "ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH" HELEN KELLER



Make plans to attend the 2025 State Meeting at Hyatt Regency Lexington 401 West High Street, Lexington! May 6-8, 2025





Limited to 10 Spots- Please call to RSVP at (859) 987-1895

FROM THE SPECIALISTS

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Dr. Natese Dockery, Assistant Clinical Professor & Extension Specialist, Mental Health & Well-being

With so much talk about mental health, there are many people who do not fully understand what mental health is, the right language to use when talking about mental illness, or where to go when they or others need mental health help. May is mental health awareness month. It is the perfect time to talk about mental health and ending mental health stigmas.

What is mental health? According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps decide how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

What is mental illness? Mental Illness refers to mental health disorders, such as depression, anxiety disorders, and stress-related disorders. These disorders negatively affect how we feel, think, and act.

How can we end the mental health stigma? Before we can end mental health stigma, there are a few things that we must do:

- Educate ourselves on mental health, signs of mental illness, and where we can go for help.
- Talk openly about mental health and mental illness.
- Be aware of the language we use.
- Keep in mind that mental health is just as important as physical health.
- Show kindness toward those who are experiencing mental illness.

Where can we go when we need mental health help?

There are several places where people can seek mental health help. Websites such as psychologyToday.com and <u>Your paragraph text</u> are great starting points. If you are in crisis, you can contact the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988.

GARDEN YOUR WAY TO BETTER HEALTH

Monica Mundy, Extension Specialist for Community and Family Health

Gardening is fun and healthy. It makes your space look nice, gives you fresh food, and helps your body. Digging, planting, pulling weeds, and watering plants are all great ways to work out and stay healthy.

Gardening is something anyone can do. It does not matter how old you are. It is a simple way to move your body while using a lot of muscles. Michigan State University says gardening can help adults reach the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's goal of 150 minutes of moderate exercise each week. Moderate exercise gets your heart rate up and makes you breathe a little faster. When you garden, it gives your whole body a workout. It offers many benefits, such as:

- 1.Burning Calories: Gardening can burn 200-400 calories an hour, based on how hard you work.
- 2. Heart Health: It helps your heart stay healthy by raising your heart rate and getting better blood flow.
- 3. Building Strength: Tasks like lifting tools and digging make your muscles stronger.
- 4. Stretching and Balance: Bending, stretching, and reaching help you stay flexible and balanced.
- 5. Stress Relief: Spending time in nature helps you feel calm, lowers stress, and lifts your mood.

By gardening regularly, you can stay active, feel happier, and enjoy the reward of growing your own plants while spending time in nature.



THE PARIS FARMERS MARKET A LOCAL TREASURE ROOTED IN COMMUNITYY

Nestled in the heart of Paris, Kentucky, the Paris Farmers Market has grown into a vibrant centerpiece for local food, artisan goods, and community connection. Since 2016, the market has been managed by Toni Wells, a longtime resident and devoted advocate for education, wellness, and local agriculture.

Toni has worked in the Paris community since 1974, with a 25-year career in the Bourbon County Schools' Head Start program, where she was known for her dedication to early childhood education. After retiring from the school system, she brought that same commitment to service when she took the reins of the Farmers Market. Her leadership has helped turn the Market into a flourishing space that highlights the best of what local producers have to offer.

The Paris Farmers Market is not just a place to buy fresh food—it's a collaborative, community-driven effort. Governed by a board of directors, the market also empowers its vendors by involving them directly in key decision-making processes. This unique structure ensures that the market stays rooted in the values of fairness, transparency, and local support.

Working alongside Toni is Amanda Sparks. Together, they coordinate weekly market operations, oversee special events, and manage the City Barn, a rental space that supports both private functions and community programming.

Under their leadership, the Market offers local goods—from fresh produce and farm-raised meats to handmade crafts and homegrown $\overline{\mathbf{e}}$ ggs. Shoppers know that every dollar spent supports neighbors, families, and small businesses in Bourbon County and surrounding areas.

The Paris Farmers Market continues to thrive thanks to the dedication of its staff, the guidance of its board, and the passion of its vendors. With Toni Wells at the helm, the market has become more than a place to shop—it's a place to connect, learn, and grow together as a community.

Plan to make a visit soon to the Paris Farmers Market and be sure to thank them for their support when using your Shop Local Card!





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BUDGET-FRIENDLY VACATION TIPS THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

are some tips for making lasting memories on provide extra savings while on vacation. Here skyrocket when taking a family trip. Planning ahead can help manage travel costs and or activities, it is easy for travel costs to From transportation to lodging, food, road trips without breaking the bank.

LOCATIONS AND LODGING

amenities, cleaning, pets, or incidentals. Also, major tourist areas or going in "off" seasons Some accommodations have extra fees for accommodations when planning your next parks are affordable with endless chances think about staying a few miles outside of be a way to save money on lodging while adventure. Road trips to national or state adding adventure to your trip. No matter cost of hotels, camping sites, and rentals. for outdoor activity. Camping can also where you choose to go, compare the Choose low-cost destinations and to find better deals.

CUTTING FOOD COSTS

paying a high price to dine in touristy areas. packing picnic lunches, can keep you from trip. Preparing simple meals in advance, or from home, which is often cheaper than Road trips also allow you to bring food buying groceries or eating out on your



Pack drinks (including reusable water bottles) and snacks to save on overpriced convenience meals while traveling, read https://ukfcs.net/ Items. For more ways to make the most of fraveling Meals.

EXPERIENCES > EXPENSES

any vacation. Opt for low-cost experiences including tours, movie nights, concerts, or to make memories without overspending. museums. These activities allow families Visit https://www.kentuckytourism.com/ and outdoor activities like hiking, beach Finding affordable activities can add to or lake days, and picnics. Look for free to explore all the vacation choices the entertainment within the community Commonwealth has to offer!

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CONSIDER SUMMER CAMPS

county Extension office to learn more abou memories while saving on travel costs is to to overnight adventures, reach out to your explore summer camps. From day camps One more way to make priceless summer summer camp opportunities in your area. Camps may be grouped by age, a special theme, or offer something for the whole amily.

May is Military Family Appreciation Month



nsion. Learn more: https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/military-teen-adventure MILITARY YOUTH: Military teens (13-18 years old of Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Retir onnel) have a chance to join adventure camps at little to no cost. These high energy, high enture, and high experience camps are planned across the United States through Purdue ps/index.html MILITARY FAMILIES: Kentucky Extension offers camps for military parents and their teena ren to attend together through funding from Purdue Extension. Come spend some time wi child whitewater rafting, hiking, rock climbing, ziplining, and more, all free! Each camp offe work skills while engaging with the outdoors. Camps have funding available to assist with que outdoor experience that will allow you to build your leadership, self-confidence, and portation costs. Learn more: https://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/MTAC

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PLEASE REVIEW AND SIGN UP FOR 2025-2026 EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS LESSONS Return to the Extension Office by August 1, 2025 and remember to keep one copy for your club records.

September Lesson	"Laughter is a Must in Marriage"	August 21 ,2025 – 6:00 pm
	Shonda Johnston	

Did you know laughter serves as a powerful tool for building and maintaining a healthy. happy marriage? It cultivates a positive atmosphere. strengthens emotional bonds. and helps couples navigate the challenges of married life with resilience and grace. This lesson will test your knowledge on laughter. identify the short and long-term benefits of laughter. explore what keeps you from laughing with your spouse. and share ways to increase laughter In your relationship.

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October Lesson	"Blackstone Grilling" Maranda Brooks	September 25, 2025 – 6:00 pm

This Blackstone Grilling Class is a hands-on cooking experience that teaches participants how to properly heat. clean. and maintain your griddle while cooking a variety of dishes. from smash burgers to stir-fry. Perfect for anyone looking to enhance their outdoor cooking skills!

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November Lesson	"Stretching Your Dollar" Ashley Vice	October 30, 2025 – 6:00 pm	

"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.

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January Lesson	"Yoga Try This"	November 18, 2025 – 10:00 am
January Lesson	Shelley Meyer	10,2023 - 10,00 am

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.

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February Lesson	"Mastering Mindfulness"	January 22, 2025 – 10:00 am
	Alivia Stephens	

Mindfulness is a practice that involves being in the present moment. It involves being aware of your thoughts. feelings. and the area surrounding you. There are various mindfulness activities that individuals can participate in to improve their overall mental health and well-being. This lesson will introduce mindfulness and a few techniques that individuals can use to bring themselves back to the present moment. ease stress. and increase their sense of peace.

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March Lesson	"Building a Better Bowl" Caroline McMahan	February 25, 2025 – 10:00 am	

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April Lesson	"Mental Health Matters" Jessica Hunley	March 10, 2025 – 10:00 am

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.

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May Lesson	"The Big Freeze"	April 21, 2025 – 6:00 pm
	Shelley Meyer	

Freezing is the easiest. most convenient and least time-consuming method of preserving foods. It is a great way to extend the shelf life of many foods. including leftovers. When done correctly. freezing preserves nutrients and maintains quality. This lesson will help you get the most out of your freezer by teaching good freezing techniques for a variety of foods. You will be able to minimize food waste. save money. and save time.

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HEALTH BULLETIN



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TICK PROBLEM PREVENTION THIS MONTH'S TOPIC



may be excited to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine, the are tiny arachnids that need to feed on blood to go through circumstances. That is why reducing your risk of tick bites is important. You should include these simple steps outdoors, livestock and horses, and even wildlife. While not every tick C pring has officially sprung in Kentucky, with flowers in full bloom and the horses off to the races! While we especially when working or playing in a "tick-risky habitat." warm weather also draws out other critters ... ticks. Ticks transmit microbes that can cause disease in people, pets, bite will lead to disease, it can take just one bite in some their life cycle, putting the ICK in tick. These critters can

Ways to reduce your risk of tick bites

15 minutes will kill ticks.

 Wear tall socks with pants tucked in and taped OR wear tall boots with pants tucked into boots. Wear long sleeves when walking through thick brush or tall grasses. Wear long pants.

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Protection Agency (EPA) tool: https://www.epa. gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you. family members by using the Environmental belly button, groin, behind the knees, and Focus on areas where ticks could find an and spots with increased blood flow are ticks' favorites, such as the scalp, armpits, Find the right repellent for you and your shower; this will help dislodge any ticks If you treat your clothes, follow all label Do a tick check periodically while outdoors It is easiest to do a full tick check in the easy blood meal — "hidden" locations instructions and keep cats away from that may not have fully attached yet. in between toes (especially on pets). the wet clothing as it is toxic to cats Heating clothes on high for 10 to Re-treat clothing after the number Do a tick check on your pets too. Use DEET or other repellents before when wet (but safe when dry!) Remember to spray your socks Buy pre-treated clothing or treat of washes shown on the label. Throw clothes in the wash, then and soon after returning home. and (non-rubber) boots! going into a risky habitat. clothes with permethrin. the dryer, on HIGH heat.

This will include items that help you locate, remove, removing ticks, pull the skin tight, grab as close to straight up and out. Do NOT twist ticks to remove, Take a "tick kit" with you while out and about. the skin as possible with your tweezers, and pull that can break ticks and leave the mouthparts and collect ticks and clean the bite site. When attached, potentially leading to infection.

Tick kit items

Magnifying glass to find ticks

Tweezers or forceps

- to keep ticks if you want them identified or tested identifying information removed) or zip-top bag Hand sanitizer or cleaning towelette to clean Bottle (a small pill bottle works well, with
 - the bite site after removing the tick

Tick testing

people and pets) for testing by following instructions through the UK's Tick Submission Program: https:// Kentucky residents can send in ticks (found on entomology.ca.uky.edu/ticksurveillance2022

What makes a location "tick risky"?

tall grasses, or leaf litter. You can reduce your risk by walking in the middle of hiking trails, limiting Kentucky and prefer different habitats, they are generally found in "wilder" areas — think brush, time in tall grass and brush, and using personal protection measures when in these habitats. While many different tick species live in

But don't let ticks keep you from enjoying all combination of these methods, you can reduce the beauty that Kentucky has to offer! Using a your risk of tick bites whenever you and your family are working or recreating outdoors.

UK's Extension Resources: https://entomology. tick and mosquito bite risk and creating "bite For more information on reducing your ca.uky.edu/ef618 and UK's From the Woods safe" spaces around your home, check out foday series, episodes 212 and 214.

• Episode 212: https://youtu.be/pr2 iPdndl?si=z1u72TXK556QQAOL

Episode 214: https://youtu.be/DNTXX DIGA4?si=F-EsaDdTMW-XFdUT

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2025 Bourbon County Horse Show Hospitality Tent



Homemakers,

Another year has rolled around, and we are preparing for the 2025 Fair and Horse Show session. The hospitality tent is instrumental in the success of the Horse Shows. First, I want to THANK everyone that has worked or prepared food for the hospitality tent in previous years.

This year I need seven (7) dozen cookies from each club. Any kind of cookie is fine, but if you put NUTS of any kind in the cookies or sandwich fixings the packages must indicate that nuts are in the product. We will be needing sandwich fixings such as pimento cheese, chicken salad, ham salad, olive nut, cucumber etc. Please sign up for the fixings that you can provide and if you change item or are unable to prepare item, please contact me at 859-707-7189 so that we can plan accordingly. Country ham, city ham, sliced cheese, buns and bread will not be needed as they will be furnished both evenings.

The workers time will be like last year. The first shift of workers will be 4-8 pm. This shift will set up tables, get food ready and start the serving. The second shift will work 8pm-closing and will help with closing and packing up for the night.

I know it is early in the year to be thinking about June and the Horse Shows, but it is almost here, and we must plan and be prepared. If you or your club has any questions, please call me at 859-707-7189. If there is no answer leave a message and I will return your call. Please return forms to the Extension Office or to me, so I can plan accordingly. Items can be brought to the Extension Office on Friday the 20th by 4:00 pm.

Thank you for all your assistance with making the Horse Show Hospitality Booth successful!

Connie Vaughn Hospitality Chair

Name	Phone	Cookies	Sandwich Fixings	4-8 PM	8-Closing

Friday, June 20th Horse Show

Saturday, June 21st Horse Show

Name	Phone	Cookies	Sandwich Fixings	4-8 PM	8-Closing