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HARRISON COUNTY HORTICULTURE NEWSLETTER

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The Three Season Garden

This 3 part series of classes will help you plan and prepare for a spring garden with cool season crops, a summer garden with all the favorites, and a fall garden to extend the garden into the cooler months.

The Spring Garden

Monday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

The Summer Garden

Monday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

The Fall Garden

Monday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Call the Harrison County Extension Office to sign up!
859-234-5510



Happy February! There are several educational opportunities coming up in Harrison County Extension, as well as across the state that I hope you will take advantage of! As a reminder, if you want to attend any of our programs please be sure to call the office to sign up.

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Each year many Harrison County youth attend 4-H Camp. Also, each year we have folks ask if there is any way they can help, and the answer is always yes! The price for camp this year is \$225 per camper. If you would like to make a donation to help send a Harrison County kiddo to 4-H Camp this summer, contact us at 859-234-5510. Thank you!



9:10 a.m.
Stacey
Stephens

with NEP: 1st Monday of the month

Jessica Wells with Horticulture:

1st Wednesday of the month

Shannon Farrell and Holly Laytart

with 4-H: 2nd Wednesday of the month

Shelley Meyer with FCS:

4th Thursday of the month

IT'S LEAP YEAR

THE HARRISON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE IS JOINING THE MOVEMENT TO SHOW EXTRA

KINDNESS

February 25-March 1

Want to add to this list? Any Extension group can participate. Call the Extension Office and tell us your group kindness project!



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
*4-H SOCIAL MEDIA CLUB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
*CARE BAG PROJECT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
*DISCOUNTED BASKET WEAVING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
*LOVE THE EARTH THURSDAY SEED BALL GIVE AWAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST
*DISCOUNTED BASKET WEAVING
*LAUGH & LEARN KINDNESS MONSTERS
*JUNIOR HOMEMAKER SERVICE PROJECT



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Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

Homesteading Series



**CAIP
ELIGIBLE
COURSE**

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month, starting in January and going through May to learn more about homesteading on your very own property! These courses are suited for those who are interested in home-grown products and self-sufficiency, whether you are just beginning or have an established operation and just need a few more resources.

5 Courses Available

Maple Syrup 101

Learn the basics of how to tap your own trees and make maple syrup from an expert right here in Harrison County. Class also includes a field trip on February 16.

(Class attendance is required to participate in field trip)

**January 23
6:00pm**

Fodder Systems

Discover how to create an inexpensive system to easily grow fodder for your small livestock.

**February 27
6:00pm**

Dehydrating

Dehydrating is one of the oldest methods of food preservation. Learn how to use a modern day dehydrator as a dehydrating food method.

**March 26
6:00pm**

Chopping Block: Chicken

Whether you are raising your own chickens or buying whole birds, knowing the skill to break down a whole chicken is a skill that can save you money.

**April 23
6:00pm**

Creating Natural Dyes

Discover the basics of using flowers and foliage to naturally dye materials and the sustainability potential involved with it. Participants will learn the supplies needed to get started, which plants create which colors, the steps involved in naturally dyeing fabrics and see a natural dyeing demonstration.

**May 28
6:00pm**

**To register for the courses or for more information, contact the
Harrison County Extension Office at 859-234-5510**



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Annual

FREE SEED GIVEAWAY

STOP BY THE EXTENSION OFFICE ON THE DAYS LISTED
BELOW TO PICK UP THAT WEEK'S FREE SEED!
1 BAG PER HOUSEHOLD

February 16th – Cole Crops and Leafy Greens (broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, kale, etc.)

February 23rd – Roots, Tubers, and Bulbs (onion, beets, radish, carrots, etc.)

March 1st – Legumes (beans, peas, etc.)

March 8th – Solanaceous (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant)

March 15th – Cucurbits (cucumbers, zucchini, squash, etc.)

March 22nd – Cucurbits (watermelon, cantaloupe, pumpkins)

March 29th – Miscellaneous (okra, swish chard, corn, etc.)

April 5th – Herbs

April 12th – Flowers



BEGINNING
FARMER
IRRIGATION
BASICS

WEBINAR:
MARCH 26
12 - 1.30 P.M.

UK HORTICULTURE
RESEARCH FARM
IN-PERSON
WORKSHOP:
APRIL 23
1 - 3 P.M.

HINTON'S ORCHARD
IN-PERSON
WORKSHOP:
APRIL 30
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

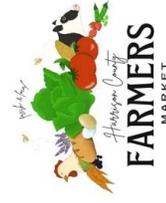


IRRIGATION BASICS FOR BEGINNING FARMERS

Join UK Extension Specialists for a webinar and workshop series this spring! This series will focus on irrigation basics for high tunnel, field, and orchard production. The webinar will be followed by an in-person training. Pre-registration is required and attendance at the webinar is required in order to attend one of the in-person workshops.

Register here or scan the QR code below:

https://ukv.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_oueeuOweUWBREGV



Flat Run Veterans Park
364 Oddville Ave., Cynthia

The Harrison County Farmers Market will be having a meeting soon to discuss plans for the 2024 market year. Follow the Harrison County Farmers

Market Facebook page and the Harrison County Farmers Market website to stay up to date on all happenings!



Community Corner

Spanish Resources



MCTC



LIBRARY



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Check out what's happening in our community! Use your smart phone camera to scan the QR codes to be directed to the organization's separate website.

HC EXTENSION



Harrison County Cooperative Extension—Horticulture



Check out Hort Culture, the local, weekly, horticulture podcast!



www.FromTheWoodsToday.com

From the Woods Today is a weekly internet show co-hosted by Renee' Williams and Billy Thomas with UK Forestry and Natural Resources Extension. The show airs live on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. EDT. Links to live shows are posted on www.fromthewoodstoday.com just prior to the show. Go to the website to join LIVE or see recordings of previous shows.

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Conservation District

The Harrison County Conservation District State Cost Share Applications are now available. If you are interested in applying for any conservation cost-share programs, please call their office at 859-234-5876 ext. 3. Or feel free to send an email to kayleigh.evans@ky.nacdnet.net or paul.wilson@ky.nacdnet.net.

Check out the website for occasional program updates at www.harrisoncountyconservationdistrict.com and like us on Facebook!

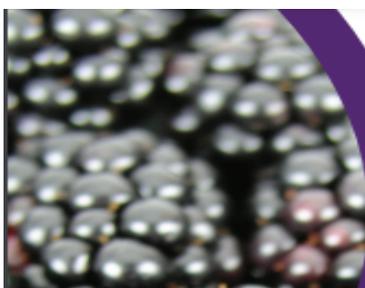


Plate it up!



Berry and Basil Pizza Crisp with Honey Balsamic

Balsamic

Honey Glaze:

½ cup balsamic vinegar

3 tablespoons honey

Flatbread:

6 flatbreads

12 pieces of cheese, such as Havarti (2 per flatbread)

1 cup blackberries, halved

1 ½ cups strawberries, chopped

15 basil leaves, chopped and divided

Preheat oven to 400°F. **Place** flatbreads on a baking sheet and **add** two slices Havarti cheese, blackberries, and strawberries. **Bake** for 5-7 minutes, or until cheese is melted. After flatbreads are removed from oven, **add** chopped basil and honey balsamic glaze. **Serve** warm.

To make the glaze:

Add balsamic vinegar and honey

to a small sauce pan and **simmer** until reduced by half (10-15 minutes). **Remove** from heat and **set aside**.

Serves: 6 Flatbreads

Nutritional Analysis:

340 calories, 16 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 40 mg cholesterol, 520 mg sodium, 34 g carbohydrate, 11 g fiber, 16 g sugar, 20 g protein