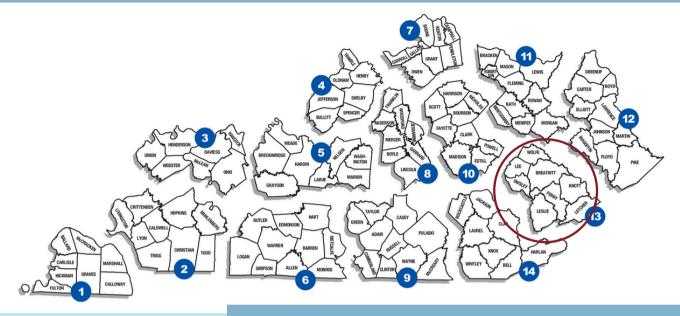
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### Newsletter





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### Welcome!

Dear Quicksand Area,

Welcome to the first edition of the Quicksand Area Family and Consumer Science Newsletter! We are thrilled to keep you informed and connected with all the exciting happenings in our area. If you are receiving this newsletter, thank you for being a valued member of such wonderful and vibrant communities. Your dedication and participation make our organization thrive.

In this issue, we have a plethora of updates and announcements to share with you. From upcoming events and workshops to highlights of recent activities, there is something for everyone to look forward to. Additionally, we have included some handy tips and recipes to inspire your culinary adventures and household projects. Stay tuned for more exciting updates in the months ahead. We encourage you to actively participate in our events and share your ideas and feedback to make our area even better. Together, we can continue to foster supportive and enriching communities for all our members. Thank you once again for being an integral part of the Quicksand Area. Happy reading, and we hope to see you at our next events!

Warm regards,

Quicksand Area Family and Consumer Science Agents Team

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# Quicksand Area-Wide Programs



















### QUICKAND AREA HIGHLIGHTS





During the KEHA State meeting participating homemakers learned new skills and information. We are also thrilled to have witnessed our very own Henrietta Sheffel (Breathitt Co.) elected as the KEHA President-elect. This is a significant achievement for her and our area, and we couldn't be more proud of Henrietta.

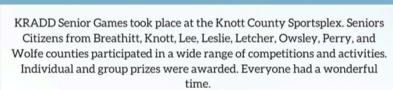
Congratulation!





The first annual Quicksand Area Homemaker Training took place in May. During the training Homemaker officers and members had a refresher of Robert's Rules of Order, a lesson on communication skills, phone etiquette, Homemaker Bingo and completed the day with a painting project.





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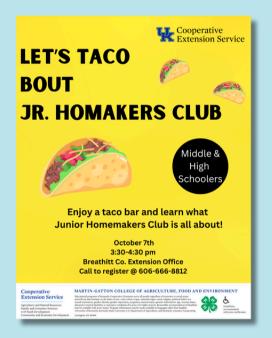






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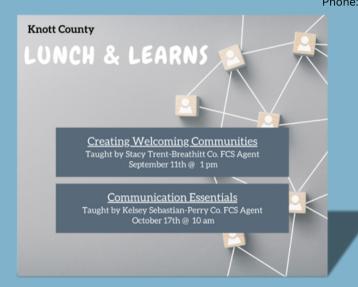


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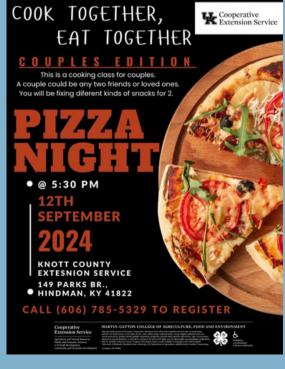


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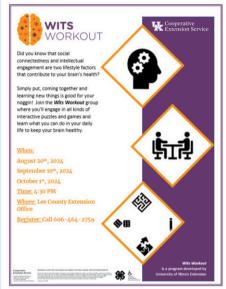
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### LESLIE COUNTY NEWS

Leslie Co. Extension KEHA
Cultural Arts Exhibits with
Mary Breckinridge Festival
October 3rd, 4th, & 5th



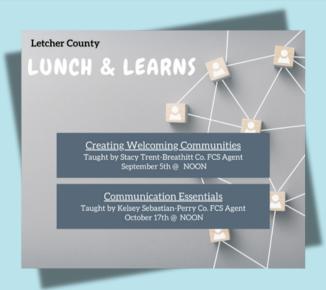


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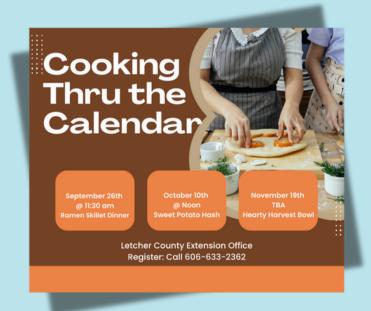




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Jr Homemaker's Sept. 18th @ 3:30 pm Oct. 16th @ 3:30 pm Nov. 20th @ 3:30 pm Dec. 18th @ 3:30 pm





Homemaker Council Meeting

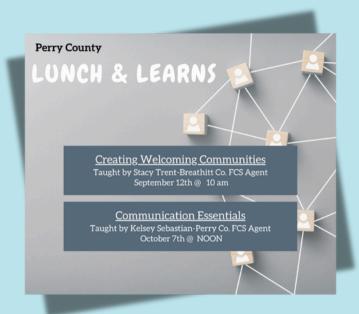
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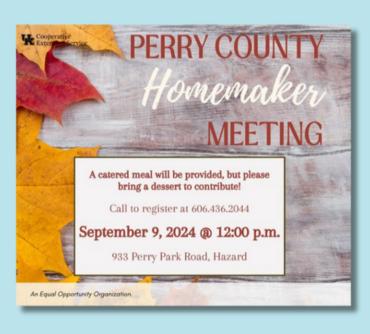
Health Fair @ Owsley County Life
Center November 7th 3-6 pm

Homemaker County Meeting
(Christmas Event)

December 12th @ Noon

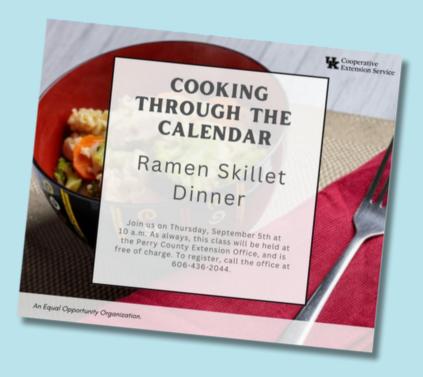
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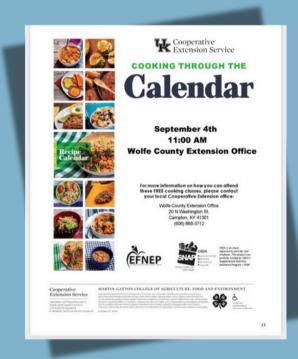
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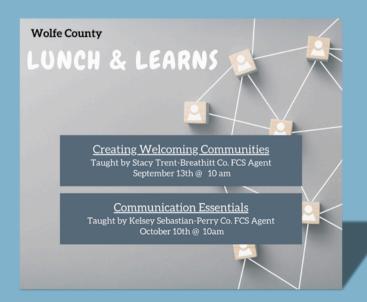


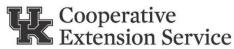




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# **HEALTH BULLETIN**



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#### THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

### STEP INTO NATURE: THE BENEFITS OF AUTUMN ON THE MIND AND BODY



hile you may find autumn colors to be beautiful and crisp fall temperatures to be invigorating, did you know that fall can also positively affect mental and physical well-being? Here are a some ways that autumn keeps us healthy:

• Sensory stimulation. Neurons in the brain are more likely to repair and produce neurogenesis in an enriching environment that includes sensory stimulation. The fall offers bright colors, visual contrasts, leaves to touch, wind to feel, and fresh air and falling leaves to smell. The fall harvest in Kentucky stimulates taste buds with a variety of produce including apples, pumpkins, and squash.

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# After a warm and sticky summer, the cool fall weather can be a welcome platform for outdoor activity.

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- **Happiness.** Fresh air is a natural way to raise oxygen levels in the brain. As a result, serotonin is released. Serotonin is a neurotransmitter associated with mood regulation and happiness. According to the Cleveland Clinic, normal serotonin levels help you stay focused, emotionally stable, happy, and calm.
- Stress relief. Fall colors reds, oranges, and yellows — can stimulate the brain and trigger positive emotions. When you feel positive emotions, you are more likely to use them to calm yourself. When you're calm and composed, problem-solving is more effective.
- **Enhanced memory.** Research from the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology reports that recall, memory, and clarity in thinking improve when temperatures drop.
- Nostalgia. For many, autumn triggers memories such as new academic years, fall festivals and dances, Halloween celebrations, Thanksgiving with family, jumping in piles of leaves, picking apples, harvesting crops, hayrides, and horseback rides. According to research in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, a stroll down memory lane improves mood, stimulates inspiration and motivation, puts you in touch with your authentic self, and contributes to meaning in life. People high in nostalgia are also more likely to deal with stressful situations in healthy ways, including connecting with others and asking for help. Nostalgia can also promote storytelling, which enhances social connections and meaningful relationships.
- Awareness. Witnessing the cycle of life and death
  with each falling leaf helps you become more
  attuned to nature and life around you. Becoming
  more aware of your surroundings can be grounding
  and helps reduce self-centered thoughts, which
  can boost confidence and self-esteem.
- Physical activity. After a warm and sticky summer, the cool fall weather can be a welcome platform for outdoor activity. Moving more outside and



sitting less inside is good for the respiratory system, muscles, and bones. Movement also supports the immune system, heart, and mental health.

• **Goal setting.** Associated with going back to school and new beginnings, some people view fall as a time for a fresh start. To start new, it is important to set goals and prioritize favorite activities, which are both important tasks that can benefit mental health. Fall helps keep the focus on moving forward with a fresh outlook.

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