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The Extension Center will be closed for Winter Break Dec. 25-Jan. 1, and Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King.



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SPECIAL OFFERS





SPECIALTY CLUBS/GROUPS/CLASSES

DECEMBER 1—MARCH 31: WE ARE ON WINTER HOURS FOR EXTENSION! No meeting shall start before 10:00 am (this includes club members setting up food, etc., ahead of time.) Starting December 1st, clubs and groups that have a regular starting time of 9 am, will move to 10 am. Also, please review SNOW POLICY below!

MONDAY NIGHT SEWING SALON (sewing) 1st and 3rd Mondays, 5:00-7:30pm, Room 3. Questions call Judy Fields, (859) 623-6032. Anyone wanting to learn to sew is invited! Questions, call Judy Fields, 859-625-4081. (NOTE: No meetings in January!)

SEW MUCH OR SEW LITTLE) 2nd and 4th Tuesdays,

10am-1pm, Room 3, annex bldg.

January 28, 10am -Fabric Wrapped

Bracelet: Bring sewing machine, denim (or size 18) needle for machine, pins, scissors. Materials



will be provided. Register with Gina, 859-582-3450.

SOUTHSIDE SLOW STITCHING (knitting, crochet, cross-stitch, English paper-piecing, embroidery or macrame) **1st and 3rd Mondays, 6-8pm**, at Southside Church on Lancaster Road. Questions, call Terri Cooper, 859-866-4380.

creative HANDS (quilting) 1st and 3rd Thursday @ month, 10am-1pm, Room 3, annex bldg. Bring your sewing machine and a sandwich and quilt along with us. Questions, call Linda Calico, 859-582-2252.

(NOTE: 1/16/25, will meet in Room B, 10am-12 noon only.)

GARDENERS OF MADISON COUNTY (gardening) **2nd Wed @ month, 1-3pm**, Room 1 Annex. For questions, call Kathryn Bowers, 859-619-0166.

PAPER KUTZ (paper crafting, cards, etc.) 3rd
Thursday @ month, 6-7:45pm, Room B. Questions, call Connie Lawson, 859-582-5505.

HAPPY SCRAPPERS (scrapbooking, paper crafts, crafting, etc.) 4th Wed @ month from 12-4pm, Room B, main office bldg. Bring your work in progress and catch up. Questions, call Kathy Langosh, 720-243-0640.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH DIABETES CLASS Madison County Health Dept., Richmond Healthy January 14 & 16 - 1-5PM.

living with Diabetes recognized diabetes education

workshop. Get the latest information on taking care of your diabetes. Develop healthy eating and activity plan. Get tips on taking medication and reducing your risk for short/long-term complications. Drawing held for countertop oven. **To Register, call 859-228-2044.**

HOMEMAKER REMINDERS:

JANUARY 21, 2025: Extension Homemaker Board Meeting, 1-3 pm, Room B - time to get together and plan the 2024 Annual Meeting—if you would like to help, please attend!

MARCH 29, 2025: Homemaker's Spring Craft Fair: More details to come.

APRIL 22, 2025: Extension Homemaker Annual Meeting (Dinner) with Cultural Arts Competition. More details to come.

BLUEGRASS AREA CULTURAL ARTS

Congratulations to our Bluegrass Area Cultural Arts Winners! Of the 13 items that went onto the Bluegrass Area competition in Powell County, we had 5 blue, 5 red, and 2 white! Congratulations to our very talented homemaker members on their success! Blue Ribbon Winners will go onto the KEHA State level next May, 2025. They are:

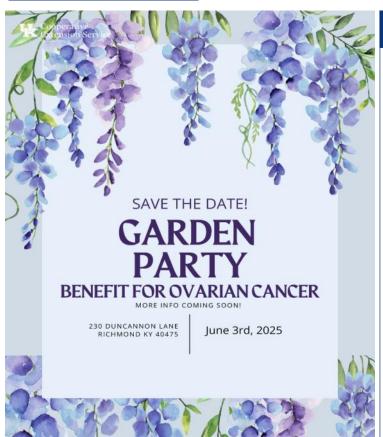
- Betty Scheiderman: Embroidery Basic, and Holiday Decorations/Winter
- Helen Eden: Wall/Door Hanging/Other
- Gina Noe: Art, Recycled/Household, and Knitting/ Home Décor/Afghans



SNOW POLICY:

If Madison County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all homemaker, 4-H and horticulture meetings, clubs and workshops are cancelled for that day and evening. In some cases, these

events may be rescheduled. If in doubt, please call **859-623-4072.** School closings are broadcast on TV, radio, and we always try to post our closures or delayed openings on our Facebook pages.



LEADER LESSON

Nutrients:
Supplements and
Macronutrients
Tuesday, January 28,
11 AM
(Room 2)

Macronutrients are the foundation of our diet. However, information



about macronutrients and their role in a balanced diet can be confusing. By establishing a basis of nutrition knowledge about macronutrients, you can better understand their impact on health and wellbeing. Come learn the educational gaps related to macronutrients and their role in a balanced and nutritious diet. Call 859-623-4072 to register for this lesson. This is a free presentation held at the Madison County Extension Service.



Homebased Microprocessing Workshop

Homebased Microprocessors are farmers who grow and harvest produce to use in their value-added products. Homebased microprocessors are required to grow a predominant ingredient in the products they make. The first step to becoming certified as a homebased microprocessor is to attend a Homebased Microprocessor (HBM) workshop presented by the University of Kentucky.

January 22, 2025 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Virtual Option Available

To register & for additional dates/locations:

ukfcs.net/HBM

\$50 Fee

859-623-4072



Parent's Place

If you are interested in joining any of our group(s), make reservations, or have any questions, need referrals, or just to talk, call Pam Francis at 859-623-4072, or psfr222@uky.edu.

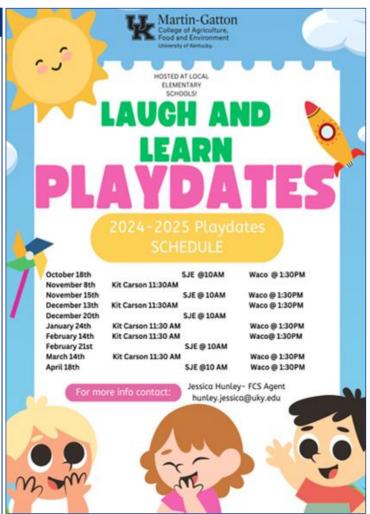
GAP (Grandparents As Parents): January 8, 11am to 1pm @ the Richmond Library, Room 138. Please call Pam for details. Reservations are needed for supplies and set up. We are learning from researched based: We are planning to begin the research-based Active Parenting curriculum: Parenting Teens by Dr. Michael H. Popkin. Children do not attend these meetings due to subject matter.

SMALL FRIENDS: January 21, 10:30am to noon @ the Extension Service. Come for a great time of fun, fellowship, giggles and parenting tips. Please call Pam for details. Reservations are needed for supplies and set up, for you and your little ones, prenatal to 5 years of age. It is a great place to make new friends and keep the old. Small Friends learn more about friendship, fun crafts, healthy snacks, and story times. We will be starting a new series in January: Active Parenting, First Five Years, by Michael H. Popkin, PhD. This is a research based curriculum that focuses on a child's first 5 years.

PARENT MATTER (Parenting Encouragement): These are parent only meetings; new members are welcome; coffee and tea provided. Our meeting locations are at both Madison County Public Libraries as follows:

- In Richmond on January 7, 10 to 11:30 am, we are using research-based curriculum: *Parenting Teens*, by Dr. Michael H. Popkin.
- In Berea on January 14, 10 to 11:30 am, we are discussing the book, Raising a Strong Daughter in a Toxic Culture, by Dr. Meg Meeker. Please call for more information and reservations, for supplies and set up.

KEYS TO GREAT PARENTING (KGP): Keys is an informal, FREE 10-week course designed for any and all parents, (grands, expecting, caregivers, relatives, teens, singles and fosters). This is an informal gathering of all parents to learn and grow in a supportive and encouraging community. Children do not attend classes and child care is not provided.





FOCUS ON CREATIVE ARTS IN MADISON COUNTY

CRAFTING WITH THE BEST:

Class dates/crafts below, taught from 10-noon. Class is free unless otherwise stated. **To reserve space, contact Pam, 859-623-4072**.

January 6: Clothespin Snowflakes with Marylene LeFurgy. Supplies needed: 8 clothes pin per snowflake: do not separate; glue gun/ gorilla glue sticks (if you want to bring your own).



February 7: Heart Pennant with Evonne Kincer. Supplies needed: Scissors/ Pinking Shears (if you want to bring your own), deck of poker cards, Valentine/ Lovethemed ribbon—
1/2" to 1" ribbon;
Poly-fil will be provided.



March 3: Potholder Reminder Notepad with Paulette Edster. Supplies needed: 2 of the same potholders,



scissors and glue gun/gorilla glue sticks (if you want to bring your own). Small circle magnets, pen and pad will be provided, also we have some potholders donated, but participants may want to bring a set of potholders to their own taste.

April 4: Cardmaking with Kathy Langosh. Supplies needed: Light weight glue or double sided tape, bone paper folder (ruler), small hand scissors.





Please be sure to visit our Facebook page for all the upcoming news and class information, https://www.facebook.com/MadisonCoFCS/.

Also, you can visit our webpage to download the latest newsletters https://madison.ca.uky.edu/.

KEHA: Kentucky Extension Homemaker Association website is: https://keha.ca.uky.edu/ and Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/OfficialKEHA

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the UK Office of Equal Opportunity, 13 Main Building University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0032 or

US Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.



THE APPLE PATCH By Cheri Stacy, Nutrition Assistant Senior

Split Pea Soup

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 90 minutes

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1 pound dried split peas. sorted and rinsed
- 2 medium red potatoes, diced
- 3 large carrots, diced
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 13/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)
- 1 container (32 ounces) reduced-sodium chicken broth (or vegetable broth)
- 4 cups water
- 1. Wash hands with warm water and soap, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.
- 2. In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and celery. Sauté over medium heat until vegetables are tender, about 5 to 7 minutes.
- 3. Add split peas, potatoes, carrots, Italian seasoning, salt, crushed red pepper (if using), chicken broth, and 2 cups of water.
- 4. Increase heat to mediumhigh and bring everything to a boil. Once boiling, reduce heat to medium-low

and simmer, uncovered. for about one hour, or until it reaches desired texture. Skim off any foam while it cooks and stir periodically to avoid peas from sticking to the bottom of the pot. Add 2 more cups of water during the cooking process for a thinner texture.

- 5. Ladle into bowls and serve.
- 6. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

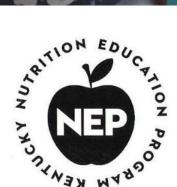
Slow cooker variation:

Add all ingredients to a slow cooker and cook on low for 6 hours or high for 4 hours.

Makes 12 servings Serving Size: 1 cup Cost per recipe: \$6.97 Cost per serving: \$0.58

Nutrition facts per serving: 210 calories; 3.5g total fat; 0.5g saturated fat; Og trans fat; Omg cholesterol; 390mg sodium; 34g total carbohydrate; 11g dietary fiber; 5g total sugars; 0g added sugars; 12g protein; 0% Daily Value of vitamin D; 4% Daily Value of calcium; 10% Daily Value of iron; 15% Daily Value of potassium

Source: LaToya Drake, Extension Specialist for Food Access and Equity, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service



Make it a Meal

- · Split Pea Soup
- · Whole-grain roll or crackers
- · Glass of low-fat milk
- · Canned pineapple in juice

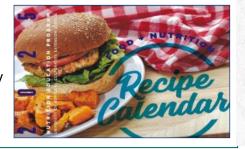
Ingredient Spotlight

Split peas are a good source of folate. This recipe contains 30% of the daily value for folate. The body needs folate to make DNA and other genetic

Source: https://ods.od.nih.gov/ factsheets/Folate-Consumer

The 2025 Food & Nutrition Recipe Calendar is available starting January

2nd. We have a limited supply and it is not mailed out. Please come by the office at your earliest convenience to pick up a copy while they last. Also available in Spanish. First come first served: we do not hold them.



Substitutions

Try using any type of split pea or lentil with this recipe. If using a different type of dried bean, adjust the cooking time. Use leftover cooked ham, chicken, or sausage in this dish by adding one cup to the pot before bringing everything to a boil.



FAMILY CAREGIVER

HEALTH BULLETIN



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Download this and past issues of the Adult, Youth, Parent, and Family Caregiver Health Bulletins: http://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/ content/health-bulletins

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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL BENEFITS OF COLD WEATHER ACTIVITY



▲ // hile staying safe in the cold, snow, and ice is a priority, don't let winter keep you from the outdoors if you are able. Both mental and physical health can be negatively affected by the shortened, cold days. It is not uncommon to feel sluggish or less productive. Use winter to your advantage and get invigorated.

Spending time outdoors is essential for well-being and can positively affect mental and physical well-being, including reducing stress and enhancing sleep. Research supports the idea that spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature has positive benefits on health and well-being (White, et al., 2019). Time in nature can include being physically active or just relaxing and taking in the sounds, sights, and smells.

Spending time outdoors during the winter can be a little more challenging, especially as we age, however. As we get older, we lose body heat faster than when we were

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younger, making us more susceptible to cold weather. As a result, it is important to know the risks and benefits of spending time outside.

Dress warm and feel the sunshine.

When you are dressed warmly and can feel the sun on your face, your body is triggered to create vitamin D, which is good for your bones, muscles, immune system, and mood. To get sunshine in the winter, dress appropriately for cold weather and venture out for a picnic on your porch, build a snowman, photograph the snowflakes, walk around the neighborhood if sidewalks are clear of snow and ice, or take a winter hike and soak in the winter birds and other wildlife.

Stay physically active.

Daily physical activity can improve physical and mental well-being. Depending on where you live or visit, winter outdoor activities may include walking, shoveling, snowball fights, and cross-country skiing. Winter exercise needs extra planning and preparation.

- · Talk to a health-care provider about your health and outdoor activity. Cold temperatures make it more difficult for the heart to pump blood throughout the body which may result in heart strain. Blood vessels can narrow in cold weather and prevent muscles from getting the oxygen they need to function properly. As a result, cold weather can make you vulnerable to muscle strain and injury.
- · Learn the signs of hypothermia. Hypothermia occurs when the body's temperature loses heat more rapidly than heat is produced. When the body's core temperature drops below 95 degrees, it may cause a medical emergency. According to the Mayo Clinic, some signs of hypothermia include shivering, weak pulse, slurred speech, confusion, low energy, and shallow breathing.
- Avoid frostnip and frostbite. Exposure to severe cold and direct contact with ice. cold liquids, and frozen metals can lead to skin and tissue freezing. The early stage of frostbite is called frostnip, which causes cold and numbness. As frostbite gets worse, skin can change color, tingle, sting or feel prickly, throb, and become waxy-looking or hard.

Frostbite can occur on covered or uncovered skin, especially on the fingers, toes, ears, nose, and cheeks. To prevent frostbite, cover your extremities, stay hydrated, recognize the symptoms, and go indoors immediately. If your frostbite is more than mild, the Mayo Clinic recommends seeking medical attention to help prevent permanent damage.

 Prevent falls. The chances of falling increase when the ground freezes and becomes icy and slick. The best way to stay safe in icy conditions is to stay inside. If you must go out, take your time, wear proper footwear, use handrails, and walk like a penguin, which means taking smaller waddle-like steps that help maintain your center of gravity.

Be smart!

While going outside in winter can be good for you, watch the weather. If the conditions are too extreme, stay indoors! If you choose to go out on a nice winter day, pick the warmest part of the day to be outside when the sun is at its peak. Dress warmly, avoid cotton, and wear layers made of wool, fleece, or other fabrics that help keep you warm while wicking away moisture. When exercising outdoors, layers allow you to stay comfortable and not overheat. Keep your head and hands and feet covered so you do not lose heat. Wear proper footwear for the conditions. Protect your skin, lips, and eyes. Lastly, stay hydrated.

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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: FORMING HEALTHY FINANCIAL HABITS

Have you ever wished you could change the way you handle money? Learn more about the science of forming habits and how you can use these strategies to improve your finances.

HOW HABITS ARE FORMED

James Clear, author of *Atomic Habits*, describes habits as behaviors that we repeat so many times they become automatic. There is a four-step process to creating a habit that forms what he calls the "habit loop." Those four steps are:

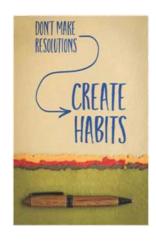
$\mathbf{Cue} \rightarrow \mathbf{Craving} \rightarrow \mathbf{Response} \rightarrow \mathbf{Reward}$

The first two steps involve responding to a problem. The last two steps involve arriving at a solution. By becoming more aware of our habit loops, we can take actions to create a good habit or break a bad habit.

HABITS AND MONEY

So how do we apply this to personal finance? Think of something you want to change about your money habits. Maybe you want to reduce the number of times you eat out each week. You might accomplish this by going to the grocery store and cooking at home.

First, identify what "cues" you to eat out in the first place. The **cue** may be hunger. For example, you saw a commercial for pizza,



drove past the sign for a delicious sit-down restaurant, or it was 6 p.m. and that is your normal dinner time! The **craving** is for food. The **response** is to buy the food, and the **reward** is that you are no longer hungry.

In order to change this cycle – and the money spent on it – there are things we can do to reinforce a good habit, as well as things we can do to avoid a bad habit. The table below breaks down this dinnertime "habit loop." Namely, you want to make a new habit obvious, attractive, easy, and satisfying. Similarly, you want to make an old habit invisible, unattractive, difficult, and unsatisfying.

Cycle of Habit Loop	Form a Good Habit - Make it	Break a Bad Habit - Make it		
Cue: Hunger	Obvious : Plan ahead. Place the recipe for tonight on the counter or save a picture to your phone.	Invisible: Avoid TV and internet before mealtimes if advertisements trigger you to eat out. Or go home a way that avoids restaurant temptations.		
Craving: Food	Attractive: If cooking is a chore, then pair an activity you enjoy with it. Maybe call a friend or listen to music, or an audiobook or podcast.	Unattractive: Give yourself reminders of why you don't want to eat out. Put a picture of what you're saving for in your wallet to remind you not to spend.		
Response: Buy food	Easy : Prepare your cooking space the night before, so when you come home from work it's a breeze to get started.	ne more of a chore. Delete apps that allow		
Reward: Full	Satisfying: Reward yourself for sticking to the plan! Prepare a small dessert to complement your meal or plan a fun afterdinner activity.	Unsatisfying: Appoint someone to hold you accountable and remind you of your commitment.		

CHANGING YOUR HABIT LOOPS

Use this blank chart to note a financial habit you would like to create or change. First, decide on the habit, then identify the parts of the cycle in the first column. Finally, brainstorm ways to reinforce a good habit in the second column and/or find ways to make a bad habit less appealing in the third column.

New Habit:			
New Habit			
TOTE LIMINES.			

Cycle of Habit Loop	Form a Good Habit - Make it	Break a Bad Habit - Make it
Cue:	Obvious:	Invisible:
Craving:	Attractive:	Unattractive:
Response:	Easy:	Difficult:
Reward:	Satisfying:	Unsatisfying:

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