

Marshall County FCS NEWS



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Upcoming Events

- January 17 - Cast Iron Cooking 1:30, MCPL@Hardin
February 1 - Elements & Principles of Art 10:00, MCEO
February 1 - Quilting with Robynn 11-3, MCEO
February 5 - Homemaker Advisory Council meeting 9:30, MCEO
February 6 - Sewing with Robynn 2-4, MCEO
February 8 - Sharpe Club meeting 10:00, MCEO
February 12 - Maker Monday, First Rise Sourdough 9am with Flavored Butters lesson to follow, MCEO
February 13 - Hardin Club meeting 10:00, MCEO
February 14 - Olive Club meeting 10:00, MCEO
February 19 - Maker Monday - HUGS project & Cool Ties 9-12, MCEO
February 19 - Busy Bees meeting 1:00, MCEO
February 28 - Handy to Have: Emergency Health Information Cards 10:00, MCEO
March 1 - Purchase Area Cultural Arts Day 9-2, Graves County Extension Office
March 4 - Homemaker Advisory Council meeting 9:30, MCEO
March 7 - Quilting with Robynn 11-3, MCEO



**May 7-9 Bowling Green KY
Holiday Inn University Plaza**

Reminder that if schools are closed due to weather, programs will be cancelled.

There are many opportunities to get involved with FCS Extension this time of year.

Homemaker Clubs always welcome new members and have educational activities for everyone to experience!

Robynn with the **Master Clothing Volunteers** has classes for those interested in sewing and quilting. Even if you have little to no experience, it's never too late to learn!

February's **Maker Monday** will focus on the HUGS Project and cool ties for our military, everyone is welcome to participate.

If you like art, there is a **Learning Session** just for you; also a session about the importance of emergency health Information cards. Bring a friend to both sessions!

The **Purchase Area Cultural Arts Day** will be March 1 at the Graves County Extension Office. Rules and categories are included In this mailing.

Everyone is welcome to attend **Homemaker Advisory Council** meetings. It's the best way to learn what is going on and how you can get involved!

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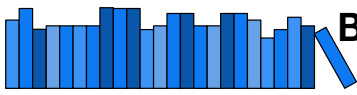
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Big Blue Book Club registration begins on February 1 at 8:00am

Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in

<https://ukfcs.net/BBBC24book1>

the Richest Country on Earth by Sarah Smarsh

WINTERIZE Your Home



Your home isn't the only one that can be winterized.
Your neighbors and those most vulnerable might need your help too!



Recipe Corner...



Potato Broccoli Soup

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| 4 cups cubed potatoes | 3 cups 2% milk | 2 green onions, finely minced, divided |
| 2 heads broccoli, (3-4 cups florets) | 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil | 1/2 teaspoon pepper | 1/4 cup bacon bits (optional) |
| 1/4 cup all-purpose flour | 5 ounces cheddar cheese, reduced-fat, shredded | |
| 1/3 cup melted butter | | |

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. **Place** potatoes in large saucepan, **cover** with water and bring to a boil. **Reduce** heat and **cook** potatoes until tender, about 15 minutes. **Cut** broccoli heads into small florets and **place** on baking tray. **Drizzle** with olive oil and **roast** for 15 minutes. **Drain** cooked potatoes in a colander. In the saucepan, **combine** the flour and melted butter; **cook** on medium heat for 1 minute. Slowly **add** milk to the mixture, stirring constantly until thickened. Soup can be thinned by adding an additional

1/2 cup of milk or water, if desired. **Add** the potatoes, broccoli, salt, pepper, cheese, half of the green onions and bacon bits. **Cook** on low until heated. A few minutes before serving, **add** the sour cream and **stir** to combine. **Serve** topped with remaining onions.

Yield: 6, 1 1/4 cup servings

Nutritional Analysis: 390 calories, 24 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 60 mg cholesterol, 370 mg sodium, 30 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 9 g sugars, 15 g protein.



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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>

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

FAMILY CAREGIVERS AND SLEEP



Family caregivers support the health and well-being of family members with chronic conditions and illness. Although caregiving can be a rewarding experience, it can also take a toll on a caregiver's physical and emotional health, including sleep. It is common for caregivers to experience poor sleep quality, such as short sleep duration, frequent night awakenings, and increased time to fall asleep. Figuring out what's causing poor sleep and changing it can improve a caregiver's quality of life.

Caregivers may struggle with sleep because of chronic worry, hypervigilance, listening for a family member while in bed, and attending to overnight caregiver needs (toileting, medication, re-settling, etc.). Types of caregiving also affect caregiver sleep quality. For example, nighttime dementia-related behaviors, including sundowning and agitation, can often disrupt quality sleep.

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If you are struggling with sleep, be sure to talk with a health-care provider.

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Various cancer treatments, conditions associated with pain, and hospice care are also associated with increased caregiver sleep disturbances.

One study says caregivers living with a care recipient report worse sleep than those who live apart.

The negative effects of poor sleep can last a lifetime. Poor sleep is associated with:

- Daytime sleepiness
- Impairment in daily function
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Fatigue (physical and mental)
- Health problems (increased risk of stroke, obesity, diabetes, hypertension cardiovascular disease)
- Increased negative affect (negative emotions and expression, like sadness, disgust, lethargy, fear, and distress)
- Burden
- Distress
- Lack of focus or concentration
- Decreased reaction time
- Emotional instability
- Napping
- Cognitive problems
- Medication mismanagement
- Caregiver safety concerns (driving, operating equipment, mistakes at work)
- Caregiver errors (forgetting to administer medication, missing an appointment)

To improve sleep, some studies suggest trying meditation or yoga. Others recommend stress management, relaxation, and massages. Some caregivers find it helpful to work with a health-care professional to learn behavioral interventions like learning how to re-establish the relationship with sleep and the bed environment.

It is important for family caregivers to fall asleep and stay asleep. AARP suggests these five tips for better sleep:

- Create a sleep sanctuary that is dark, cool, quiet, and free from stressful paperwork and thoughts.

- Sleep in a separate room from the person for whom you provide care.
- Get a baby monitor to keep from straining your ears to hear your family member.
- Train yourself to worry during the day. Create to-do lists and note concerns you can put away until the next day.
- Establish proper sleep routines and sleep hygiene. In addition to maintaining regular sleep cycles, this may also include nightly relaxation, meditation, gentle stretching, and deep breathing exercises.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends these general tips for better sleep:

- Go to bed and get up at the same time.
- Sleep in a dark, quiet, relaxing space.
- Set the thermostat at a comfortable temperature.
- No electronic devices in bed.
- Avoid large meals, caffeine, and alcohol before bedtime.
- Engage in physical activity throughout the day.

Sleep is restorative. Caregivers need sleep to maintain their own health and well-being as well as the health and well-being of their loved one. If you are struggling with sleep, be sure to talk with a health-care provider.

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**FAMILY CAREGIVER
HEALTH BULLETIN**

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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: UNDERSTANDING THE COST OF CONVENIENCE

Our society moves at a fast pace. Most any purchase is available at the push of a button, making delayed gratification a concept of the past. The question is ... what does all this convenience really cost?

SPENDING LEAKS

Benjamin Franklin is noted for saying, "Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship." Spending leaks are small, seemingly innocent purchases that add up over time. These spending habits have the potential to drain our budgets if gone unchecked. Spending leaks can be part of our normal routines, which can make them difficult to spot.

Examples of common spending leaks include specialty coffees, takeout food, delivery services, impulse and "one-click" buys, digital downloads, streaming services, alcohol, or even hobbies. When we add up these costs, it can be surprising to see how much money we could save by making different choices.

CONVENIENCE IS COSTLY

Examples of spending leaks common to many individuals and families are food and grocery



deliveries. Services like DoorDash, Uber Eats, GrubHub, Instacart, or even local pizza and grocery delivery, have become household staples. Using these "convenient" services significantly increases the final bill when you consider additional charges such as service and delivery fees and driver tips.

OTHER COMMON LEAKS

Other common convenient spending leaks include unused auto-drafted memberships and subscriptions. For example, streaming or cable services. You could save \$150 to \$200 a year by cutting one rarely used streaming service with an average cost of \$15 a month. Or maybe you joined a gym but never go. If monthly membership is \$55, that's \$660 automatically deducted from your account each year.



WHAT IS CONVENIENCE COSTING YOU?

Delivery Service	Base Cost for Order	Added Fees, Delivery Cost, & Driver Tip	Total Cost for Delivery	Total Cost for Convenience	Annual Cost for Convenience if Only Ordered Weekly
To-go meal dashed to your house	\$25.57	<i>Service Fee</i> \$ 2.56 <i>Delivery</i> \$ 5.99 <i>15% Tip</i> \$ 5.12	\$ 39.24	Extra \$13.67 (35% of bill)	\$ 710.84
Groceries instantly delivered	\$78.03	<i>Service Fee</i> \$ 3.90 <i>Delivery</i> \$ 8.49 <i>15% Tip</i> \$13.56	\$103.98	Extra \$25.95 (25% of bill)	\$1,349.40
Pizza store delivery for Friday night	\$37.79	<i>Delivery</i> \$ 4.99 <i>15% Tip</i> \$ 6.42	\$ 49.20	Extra \$11.41 (23% of bill)	\$ 593.32

Use the chart above to take a closer look at a few estimated costs of convenience and what you could save annually by choosing pickup versus delivery.

PLUG SPENDING LEAKS

Track purchases. Keep a spending diary to become more mindful of your spending habits. Track every purchase regardless of size, including recurring bills, and note your method of payment (e.g., cash, debit card, credit card, app, online payment check). Look for possible “leaks” among frequent purchases.

Examine receipts. If deliveries are common in your household, use app or email receipts to review past orders. Then determine how much extra you paid in recent service and delivery charges. What could you have done with this money instead?

Analyze auto-drafts. List monthly and annual auto-drafts, then assess how frequently you use each service. Be wary of sneaky online subscriptions that “hide” in other accounts, such as through PayPal, Apple settings, or Amazon Prime. Or they may include “free” trials you forgot to cancel. Review monthly bank, credit card, and/or money transfer app statements to help you identify any unused auto-draft service, subscription, or membership that you should cancel.

Say “No” to Easy Pay. Disable one-click purchase options that save your financial information. Instead, enter your information at checkout. The less convenient it is for you to make an online purchase, the less likely you are to make impulse buys.

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Area Cultural Arts Day Registration Form

March 1, 2024

9-2:00

Graves County Extension Office

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ County _____

If you will be attending as a volunteer or judge, please indicate _____

Agents', judges' and instructors' lunches will be paid for by the committee.

***Lunch**

Catered by Cindy's Kitchen in Mayfield **\$12.00**

Craft Class 1

Class times 10:00 and 11:00.

Torn Paper Landscape. Cost \$6.00

Taught by Calloway County



Craft Class 2

Class times 10:00 and 11:00. Limited to 10 per class.

"Home" lighted decor. Cost \$12.00.

Taught by Sally Boulton, Ballard County



Total

\$ _____

Make checks payable to Purchase Area Homemakers

Registration Deadline February 1

Mail registrations to: Pat Sullivan

1031 New Liberty Church Rd.

Kevil, KY 42053

Phone number: 270-462-3881 (home) or 270-366-3589 (cell)

E-mail: icareforkids2@comcast.net

2023-2024 CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT CATEGORIES

Categories and Subcategories

1. APPAREL

- a. Accessory
- b. Appliqued
- c. Basic Sewing
- d. Quilted
- e. Specialty

2. ART, 3-Dimensional

- a. Carving
- b. Sculpture

3. ART, NATURAL

- a. Wood
- b. Other

4. ART, RECYCLED (Include a before picture)

- a. Clothing
- b. Household
- c. Other

5. BASKETRY

- a. Cane
- b. Dyed Material
- c. Miniature (under 4 inch)
- d. Novelty
- e. Plain

6. BEADING

- a. Bead Weaving
- b. Non-jewelry Item/Wearable
- c. Miscellaneous

7. CERAMICS

- a. Hand-formed
- b. Molded
- c. Pre-made

8. COUNTED CROSS STITCH

- a. 14 Count & Under
- b. 16-22 Count
- c. Specialty Cloth (linens, etc.)

9. CROCHET

- a. Accessories
- b. Fashion
- c. Home Décor and Afghans
- d. Thread

10. DOLL/TOY MAKING

- a. Cloth
- b. Handmade Toy other than Porcelain/China or Cloth
- c. Porcelain/China

11. DRAWING

- a. Pastels
- b. Pen and Ink
- c. Pen and Ink with Oil Roughing
- d. Pencil or Charcoal-Black
- e. Pencil-Color

12. EMBROIDERY

- a. Basic
- b. Candle Wicking
- c. Crewel
- d. Machine
- e. Ribbon
- f. Smocking
- g. Swedish
- h. Tatting/Lace Making
- i. Miscellaneous

13. FELTING*

- a. Needle Method
- b. Wet Method

14. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- a. Autumn
- b. Spring
- c. Summer
- d. Winter

2023-2024 CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT CATEGORIES (continued)

15. JEWELRY

- a. Beaded
- b. Mixed Media (wire, chain maille, mixed with beads)
- c. Original Design

16. KNITTING (HAND – with knitting needles)

- a. Accessories
- b. Fashion
- c. Home Décor and Afghans

17. KNITTING (OTHER – machine / loom)

18. NEEDLEPOINT

- a. Cloth Canvas
- b. Plastic

19. PAINTING, ART

- a. Acrylic
- b. Oil
- c. Watercolor

20. PAINTING, DECORATIVE

- a. Metal
- b. Wood
- c. Other

21. PHOTOGRAPHY (mounted or framed) **

- a. Black & White
- b. Color

22. QUILTS***

- a. Baby-size or Lap-size (hand quilted)
- b. Baby-size or Lap-size (machine quilted)
- c. Hand Appliqué (hand quilted)
- d. Hand Pieced (hand quilted)

22. QUILTS*** (continued)

- e. Machine Appliqué (machine quilted)
- f. Machine Pieced (hand quilted)
- g. Machine Pieced (machine quilted)
- h. Novelty (stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc.) (hand quilted)
- i. Novelty (stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc.) (machine quilted)
- j. Technology Based (hand or machine quilted)
- k. Miscellaneous (hand or machine quilted)

23. PAPER CRAFTING

- a. Card Making
- b. Origami
- c. Quilling
- d. Scrapbooking****

24. RUG MAKING

- a. Braided
- b. Hooked
- c. Punch Needle
- d. Woven

25. WALL or DOOR HANGING

- a. Fabric
- b. Other

26. WEAVING

- a. Hand (macrame, caning)
- b. Loom (includes pin weaving)

27. MISCELLANEOUS (Items not included in other categories listed, otherwise they will be disqualified.)

* All felted items should be entered in the Felting category under one of the subcategories. Items that have been knitted or crocheted and wet felted should not be entered in Knitting or Crochet.

** Photographs should be either mounted and/or in a frame – MATTING and/or GLASS is OPTIONAL

***Quilts must be completely done by the KEHA member exhibitor. This includes quilting.

**** Scrapbooking entries are limited to 1 or 2 pages. If the entire scrapbook is sent, please designate pages to be judged.

CULTURAL ARTS AND HERITAGE

CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT

Criteria for Judging:

- A. Three-dimensional art, decorative painting, drawing, art painting, and ceramics.
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Artistic promise
 - 3) Technique
 - 4) Composition

- B. Apparel, basketry, beading, counted cross stitch, crochet, embroidery, felting, holiday decorations, jewelry, knitting, natural art, needlepoint, pillows, quilts, recycled art, rug making, toy/doll making, wall or door hanging, weaving, and miscellaneous.
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Workmanship
 - 3) Color harmony
 - 4) Beauty of design
 - 5) General appearance.

- C. Photography
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Content
 - 3) Clarity
 - 4) Technical competence
 - 5) Composition

- D. Scrapbooking — Please indicate page(s) to be judged if entire scrapbook is sent. Contest is limited to one-page and two-page layouts only.
 - 1) Balance and symmetry
 - 2) Color coordination
 - 3) Quality of photography
 - 4) Use of space
 - 5) Neatness
 - 6) Lettering
 - 7) Journaling
 - 8) Use of embellishment
 - 9) Does it tell a story

CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT

CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT RULES

All Extension Homemakers are encouraged to submit “original” items for competition in state exhibits.

Each article must be the work of an Extension Homemaker member and must have been completed during the past 2 years.

BLUE Ribbon and PURPLE Ribbon winners from previous years in each category or subcategory are not eligible for entry in another KEHA cultural arts contest.

Areas may exhibit one item from each category and/or subcategory (maximum number is 94 for 2023-2024).

Identification of item should be on tag provided by state and attached to exhibit.

The exhibitor and/or their representative is responsible for transporting exhibits to and from the state meeting.

Should a KEHA member who is in good standing happen to pass away before a qualified entry can advance to the next level of judging (county to area, area to state), the deceased member’s entry will remain eligible, and the club/county will have the option to enter it at the next level.

Each exhibitor must provide their own materials to properly display their item. Tape and nails cannot be used on the walls. If items are best displayed vertically, please provide an easel or means of hanging exhibit from the wall. **All items used for display should be labeled with exhibitor name.**

Entries will be exhibited by category. Entries will be judged by subcategory when indicated. **Exhibitor is responsible for category/subcategory determination.**

Extreme care should be taken at the county and area level to place entries in the correct category. Entries entered in the wrong category will be moved to the correct category, if possible. Entries entered in the wrong category, where there is no correct category available or where there is already another entry, will be disqualified.

Blue ribbons are awarded for high quality work, the number depending on the quality of the entries. A championship purple ribbon is awarded to best of the blue ribbon entries in each category.

All exhibits must remain displayed throughout the duration of the Cultural Arts Exhibit. In the case of an emergency, items may be removed only on approval of the state Cultural Arts Chairman.

Neither the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association nor the University of Kentucky will be responsible for any lost, misplaced or broken items. We do not anticipate any misfortune, but this disclaimer must be clearly understood by all exhibitors. Please label any easels, picture stands, hangers, or other display equipment.

The exhibits will be hosted at all times the exhibit is open. Additional security will be provided when necessary.

If categories are to be eliminated, there will be a one-year notice.