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## Keep cool in the summer heat

Source: Amy Kostelic, associate extension professor

In the midst of summer, Kentucky's extreme temperatures, high humidity and prolonged heat can make being outdoors uncomfortable and dangerous. During this time, it's important for you to know the signs and symptoms and prevent heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion, heat cramps and the most serious heat-related illness, heat stroke (also known as sun stroke).

Heat-related illnesses occur when a person's body cannot properly cool itself. These illnesses can occur at any age, but people who are old, young and obese, and those who have compromised immune systems or abuse alcohol and drugs are at increased risk. Even people on certain medications, such as antihistamines and

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antipsychotics are more susceptible to heatrelated illnesses.

Older adults are at risk for many reasons. Sweat glands, which help cool the body, often diminish in number with age, and those remaining may not function as well as they once did. Existing health problems, especially involving the heart, lung and kidneys, and some medications can also increase older adults' risk of heat-related illness.

You can take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones from overheating. Here are some tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Keep up-to-date on the weather forecast, and stay in your home or another airconditioned facility, such as a mall, public library or heat-relief shelter, if the temperatures and humidity are forecasted to be extreme.
- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities, such as exercise or gardening, during the heat of the day.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, fruit or vegetable juices. Drink even when you are not thirsty. Avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- Wear loose, lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- To keep your house cooler, refrain from using your oven and cover windows that receive direct sunlight.
- Take cool showers or baths to help yourself cool down.

Know the signs of overheating—dizziness, fatigue, lack of coordination, cold and clammy skin, thirst, headache, nausea, muscle spasms and/or cramps and ankle swelling. Seek immediate medical attention if you experience signs of heatstroke. Heat stroke is a potentially life-threatening condition that requires medical attention. Signs of heat stroke include high body temperature, confusion, changes in behavior, fainting (or feeling faint), staggering, rapid or weak pulse, dry or flushed skin and lack of sweating despite the heat.

If you are a neighbor, friend or family member of an older adult, regularly check on them during warm days and extended/ excessive hot periods to make sure they are staying cool, hydrated and that they have access to air conditioning. Seek immediate medical attention if you think someone has signs of a heat-related illness.

For more information about heat exhaustion contact the Franklin County Cooperative Extension office.



#### From the Fingertips of Your FCS Agent

Welcome to summer! There are so many fun activities going on within our local and surrounding communities. If you get a chance to stop by a surrounding county and check out their local farmers markets and county fairs. You would be surprised at what hidden gems you might find.

I hope to see many of you out and about over the summer months at the Carla A. Carter county fair or other events we are hosting and/or community partner. I had the opportunity of emceeing the Dr. Rosby L. Glover Unity in the Community event

on Saturday, June 15th from 10AM-4PM at 100 Clinton Street, Frankfort. There were over 63 community partners including health education services and resources such as: biometric health screenings, cancer screenings, vaccinations, memory screens, blood pressure checks, balance/fall risks, Medicaid and aging, nutrition/meal programs, Alzheimer's and end of life services, home energy efficiency, food access programs, mental health, and substance abuse. Other upcoming events include our annual Farm City Field Day at Happy Jack's Farm from 9AM to 1PM on July 11, 2024 and the Franklin County Fair, July 16th-20th at Lakeview Park.

I want to thank everyone who participated and helped coordinate the 91st Annual \*Homemaker meeting. Congratulations to our Homemaker Scholarship Recipient, Marae Mallard, a graduate of Frankfort High School. Please remember to keep our Homemaker President, Elizabeth Collins in your thoughts and prayers on the loss of her father.

Finally, Happy Father's Day to all of those men who are filling the shoes of what it means to be a father. You may have filled this role by adoption, biologically, blood, or by happenstance, but the important part is you were chosen. Enjoy your weekend with those you love.

Stay hydrated and remember adults need at least 150 minutes of physical activity per week.

See you around town!



Calling All Bakers – Volunteer Opportunity

Thornhill Education Center and Spellapalooza is asking for baked goods for their annual spelling bee. They are very appreciative of our participation in the past! If you would like to donate please package goodies 4 to a bag and drop them off at the office by 3:00pm on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make at least one label describing your baked goods.

If you have any questions, please call: Denise Boebinger

@ 502-330-1978

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GROW YOUR OWN FOOD, COOK DELICIOUS RECIPES,
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Mar 14 Potatoes

April 18 Broccoli & Cauliflower

May 16 Tomato

June 20 -Pepper

July 25 -Summer Squash

Aug 15 - Spinach

Sept 12 -Radishes

Oct 10 - Garlic



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## **HEALTH BULLETIN**



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#### THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

## STEP INTO NATURE, SUMMER EDITION



s the weather warms up, the sun shines brighter and it is light outside for longer each day. These environmental changes make it more enticing to spend time outdoors. Perhaps you find yourself staring out the window, distracted from your work tasks. Don't fight the urge to step outside! Give in to your wandering mind, take a break in the sunshine, and reap the benefits of being outdoors in the summertime. You may be familiar with a quote from Hippocrates, "Nature itself is the best physician." Whether you take a walk around your block, sit in the shade under a tree, or take a hike through the woods, spending time outdoors is good for your health.

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When you are having a bad day, feel discouraged, or feel generally down, try going outside. You can relieve stress by doing exercise or outdoor chores, or simply standing, sitting, or taking a slow walk.

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There are both mental and physical benefits to spending time outdoors during the summer. Studies have shown that people enjoy being outside in the summer, and being outdoors provides good motivation to be physically active. People who exercise outdoors are more likely to be active for a longer time and enjoy it more than those who exercise indoors. Additionally, there are many activities to do in the summer outdoors. From walking, hiking, or running, to gardening, doing yard work, playing sports, and more, there are many ways to be active in the great outdoors whether you live in an urban or rural area.

Another physical benefit of spending time outdoors is the quality of air that you breathe in. Overall, air quality outdoors is typically better than that inside. When you exercise, your body needs more air, and you breathe more deeply. This provides extra oxygen to your body and breathing outdoors tends to reduce the amount of toxins that you take in through the air. Breathing deeply helps you to relax, lowering your stress levels, cortisol, and heart rate. All of these contribute to overall heart health, reducing and managing chronic diseases such as high cholesterol, blood pressure, and heart disease. Additionally, being outdoors awakens your senses, helping you to enjoy the atmosphere outdoors: the sights, smells, sounds, tastes, and textures around you.

Tuning into your senses outdoors also has mental health benefits. Spending time outside reduces stress levels, decreases feelings of depression and anxiety, and helps you to feel more regulated. Spending time outside has shown to help people recover from trauma faster as well. When you are having a bad day, feel discouraged, or feel generally down, try going outside. You can relieve stress by doing exercise or outdoor chores, or simply standing, sitting, or taking a slow walk.

Summer weather tends to make spending



time outside enjoyable, but there are some precautions you should take as well. If you are going to spend time out in the sun, remember to wear protective clothing or sunscreen, sunglasses or hat, and drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. Your body will appreciate the additional vitamin D, but you do not want to overexpose your skin to damage from the sun.

#### REFERENCE:

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#### **FAIR AND SAFE:**

#### THE ROLE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCIES

When you shop, you probably expect that the seller will treat you fairly, offer a reasonable price, and sell a safe product. Consumer protection agencies exist to ensure that these expectations are true. They safeguard your rights and interests as a buyer. Three of these agencies are the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Let's explore how these agencies help keep the marketplace balanced and secure.

#### **FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)**

The FTC makes sure that competition is fair and that buyers are protected in different industries. They investigate and stop unfair competition, scams, and misleading advertising. For example, if someone tries to trick people into buying something with false claims, the FTC steps in to stop it. They also help people who have had their identity stolen by providing resources, assisting in recovery, and raising awareness. In 2021, they helped nearly 24 million identity theft victims, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. By promoting fair competition, the FTC encourages lower prices and betterquality products, giving consumers more choices. They also teach people about their

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rights and give information to help them make smart choices, especially with big purchases or money matters.

## **CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB)**

The CFPB is a government agency that monitors how consumers interact with banks, mortgage companies, payday lenders, and other financial businesses. Their main job is to make sure consumers are treated fairly by enforcing laws that protect them from being financially harmed or deceived. If you have a problem with a financial product or service, like a bank account or a loan, you can reach out to the CFPB for help. By filing a complaint online or over the phone, they will investigate and try to resolve the issue. The CFPB also provides educational

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## THE FTC, CFPB, AND FDA ARE ONLY A FEW U.S. CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCIES.



resources to help people better understand their financial choices. They offer tools and programs to teach consumers about important financial topics such as managing money, understanding credit, and avoiding financial scams. For instance, the CFPB ensures that mortgage companies follow rules to prevent people from losing their homes through foreclosure. They also require credit card companies to clearly explain their fees and terms so consumers can make informed decisions.

#### **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**

The FDA is another federal agency that looks after the safety and effectiveness of products that we use every day, like food, medicines, and medical devices. They play an important role ensuring the food we buy is safe to eat and food labels are accurate. The FDA also verifies the safety of new medicines and medical devices before they are sold to the public. This protects consumers from using products that could be dangerous or might not work as they should. Along with their role in product safety, the FDA teaches

people about important health topics.
They provide information on how to use medications safely and how to handle food to avoid getting sick. They also warn about the dangers of risky behaviors like smoking. By setting rules and making sure companies follow them, the FDA plays a key part in keeping consumers healthy and informed.

The FTC, CFPB, and FDA are only a few U.S. consumer protection agencies. Understanding the functions and roles of agencies like these helps consumers make informed decisions and avoid or address problematic issues with services and products.

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# JUNETEENTH

A Freedom Celebration

## WED, JUNE 19 (5:30 PM)

"LET'S TALK ABOUT IT" TOPIC: WHAT IS JUNETEENTH?

Location: Paul Sawyier Library

## **THUR, JUNE 20 (7:30 PM)**

FREE VIEWING OF THE MOVIE: "EMANCIPATION" [TENTATIVE]

Location: The Grand Theater

## FRI, JUNE 21 (6:00 PM)

NAACP DINNER Location: First United Methodist Church Contact: CLCarter12104@hotmail.com

## **SAT, JUNE 22 (9AM - 12PM)**

FORR FAMILY FIELD & FUN DAY Location: Lakeview Park

## **SUN, JUNE 23 (5:30 PM)**

SUNDAY COMMUNITY POTLUCK Location: VFW on Second Street







## **Kentucky Women & Girls Open**

The Franklin County Extension office hosted the inaugural Kentucky Women & Girls Open! Former US Women's Champion WGM Sabina Foisor was kind enough to attend, provide game analysis in the skittles room, and present awards!. You can find the live stream of matches on the Kentucky Chess Association's Facebook page, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/kentuckychess">https://www.facebook.com/kentuckychess</a>. For more information on joining the Frankfort Chess Masters, contact Julio Mendoza at: julioamendoza@yahoo.com.



# Franklin County 91st Homemakers Annual Meeting

























## **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**

Both Frankfort Independent Schools and Franklin County Schools are offering free summer meals for ALL kids 0-18 years old again this summer. Pick up for a week of breakfasts and lunches will be on Thursdays for both school districts.



FIS pick ups will be at Frankfort High from 3:30 - 5 PM. More info and register at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/3QQZrcg">bit.ly/3QQZrcg</a>

FCS pick ups will be at Hearn Elem. from 11 AM - 1 PM. More info and register at bit.ly/3Ke16EK

Families can choose the one that works best for them - the only limitation is that a child can only get food from one summer food service provider each week.

Learn more at fcmarket.org/in-the-news



## **Smart summer snacking**

Source: Adapted from Smart Snacks for Your Trip (eatright.org)

Summer brings longer days and warmer weather. It also brings vacations and family outings with kids being out of school. It's easy to grab soda and candy at a gas station. But with some planning you can snack smart on outings this summer. Pack wise snacks that will fuel your body with protein, fiber, and healthy carbohydrates. This will help you to feel full longer. Some good grab-and-go choices are peanut butter, pre-washed fruit (apples, bananas, grapes), whole grain crackers, and pretzels. Unsalted nuts, plain popcorn, dried fruit, cherry tomatoes, hummus, or yogurt are also good choices. Divide snacks before you go into single-serve packs. For food items that you need to refrigerate, be sure to store them in a cooler. Keep the cooler temperature less than 40 degrees F using ice packs. Stay hydrated by drinking water. Try drinking fizzy seltzer water or add a slice or two of lemon or lime to regular water to jazz it up.





## THORN HILL EDUCATION CENTER

700 LESLIE AVENUE, FRANKFORT

## FREE LUNCH

WEEKDAYS, 11:30AM-12:00PM

In partnership with Franklin County Schools, we will have free breakfast and lunch for youth ages 18 and under.

#### DAILY ACTIVITIES

WEEKDAYS, 12:00PM-12:30PM

### **GARDEN TIME**

WEDNESDAYS • 3:30PM-4:30PM

Families, mentors/mentees and friends are invited to join us in the garden for weekly tasks.

### **OPEN GYM**

THURSDAYS • 3:30PM-4:30PM

Families, mentors/mentees and friends are invited to join us for open gym time! All youth must be accompanied by an adult.

## Sun safety reminders

Source: Amy Kostelic, associate extension professor

After a long winter, many of us want to spend as much time as possible outdoors. As you venture outside, remember to protect yourself from sun and heat, no matter your age.

Anyone who spends a considerable amount of time out in the sun with unprotected, exposed skin runs the risk of developing skin cancer. The fairer your skin, the greater your risk. Oftentimes, parents remember to put sunscreen on their young children but forget about protecting themselves. Older adults may choose not to wear sunscreen thinking, "the damage has already been done." This is far from the truth.

The risk of getting skin cancer increases with age. The Skin Cancer Foundation estimates "that between 40 and 50 percent of Americans who live to 65 will have at

least one skin cancer. The risk also varies among genders. According to the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center, men's risk of having basal cell cancers is double that of women. Men are about three times more likely to have squamous cell skin cancer compared to women.

Here are some ways to protect yourself from the sun:

- Avoid midday sun between 1-3 p.m.
- Wear wide-brimmed hats
- Use sunglasses
- Cover your skin with long-sleeves and pants
- Use sunscreen with SPF of 30 or higher
- Be aware of all moles and spots on your skin, and let your health care provider know about any changes
- Have your skin examined during health check-ups





**Welcome New KEHA Officers** – Welcome to the five newly elected KEHA state officers and chairs whose terms begin July 1, 2024.

- President-Elect: Henrietta Sheffel, Breathitt County
- 2nd Vice President: Martha Colley, Christian County
- Cultural Arts & Heritage Chair: Cindy Moore, Henry County
- Family & Individual Development Chair: Amelia Godfrey, Johnson County
- International Chair: Tammy Alford, Butler County

**State Meeting Recap** – Thank you to everyone for a successful state meeting! It takes every area across the state fulfilling their assignments to make this meeting happen. Here are a few highlights from our week:

- Total attendance was 450. There were 61 first-time attendees.
- There were no bylaws changes in the state business meeting this year. The voting delegate packet is available on the <u>state meeting webpage</u>.
- Cultural arts judging results are available on the <u>state meeting webpage</u>.
- More than \$7,000 was raised to support designated projects through the basket raffle, silent auction, and quilt square auction. Additional details are included in a <u>feature story</u> on the KEHA website.

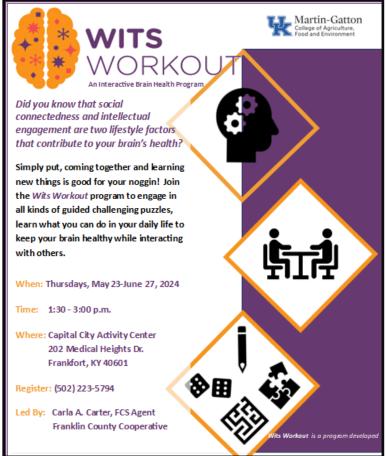
National Volunteer Outreach Network (NVON) Conference – The 25<sup>th</sup> annual NVON Conference will be July 16-18, 2024, in Ashville, N.C. Any KEHA member is eligible to register and attend. Meeting details are available at <a href="https://www.nvon.org/nvon-conference/">https://www.nvon.org/nvon-conference/</a>. Hotel and registration deadline is June 15.

#### **Dates to Remember**

- June 30 KEHA year ends.
- July 1 Due date for club reports to be submitted to the county (paper forms).
   This includes both program of work reports and volunteer service logs.
- July 16-18 NVON Conference in Ashville, N.C.

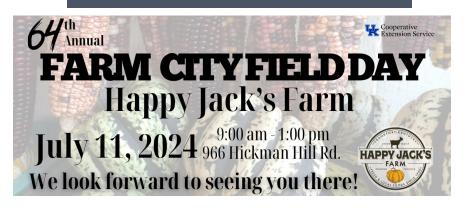












## **DINING WITH DIABETES:**

: : : AIR FRYER EDITION : : :

July 22, 2024 5:30-8:00PM
Fayette County Extension
1140 Harry Sykes Way
Lexington, KY 40504

July 29, 2024 5:30-8:00PM Franklin County Extension 101 Lakeview Court Frankfort, KY 40601

Join us for an overview of Dining with Diabetes and air fryer education, and enjoy a demonstration of a healthy air fryer recipe.

One air fryer will be given away at each session.

Space is limited.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED.

Please contact:

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## COOKING THROUGH THE Calendar













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For more information on how you can attend these FREE cooking classes, please contact your local **Nutrition Education Program Assistant:** 

Pamela Holbrook

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RSVP Required

All 2024 Class **Dates** 

July 8

Aug 12 Sept 9 Oct 14 Nov 11

Dec 9











# ON JUNE

#### WE CELEBRATE

# JUNETEENTH

On this day in 1865, African-American slaves were told that they had been set free.

The Franklin County Extension Office will be closed on June 19th to honor this day.

## Spring Vegetable Sauté

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup sweet onion, sliced
- · 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- · 3 new potatoes, quartered
- 1 medium carrot, sliced
- · 3 asparagus spears, chopped
- · 3/4 cup sugar snap peas or green beans
- 1/2 cup radishes, quartered
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill or thyme, or spice of your choice
- Wash hands with warm water and soap, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.
- Heat the oil in a large skillet. Cook the onion for 2 minutes. Add garlic and cook another minute.
- Stir in the potatoes and carrots. Cover, turn the heat to low, and cook until almost tender, about 4 minutes.

- If the vegetables start to brown, add a tablespoon or two of water.
- Add the asparagus, peas, radishes, salt, pepper, and dill. Cook, stirring often, until just tender

  – about 4 minutes more.
- Serve right away.
- Store leftovers in the refrigerator within 2 hours.

Note: Use any variety of vegetables you have on hand for this recipe.

Makes 4 servings Serving Size: quarter of recipe

Nutrition facts per serving: 140 calories; 1.5 g total fat; 0 g saturated fat; 0 g trans fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 220 mg sodium; 28 g total carbohydrate; 7 g dietary fiber; 12 g total sugars; 0 g added sugars; 4 g protein; 0% Daily Value of vitamin D; 8% Daily Value of calcium; 15% Daily Value of iron; 15% Daily Value of potassium

Source: Spring Vegetable Sauté | MyPlate

Be sure to follow our Facebook page for all the up-to-date information and articles.

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