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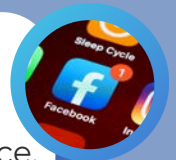
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Webpage

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Agriculture/Natural Resources

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Clay County Community Farmers Market

The Clay County Community Farmers Market is Manchester's connection for locally grown farm products and area crafts. The Farmers Market is open Saturdays from 9 AM-1:00 PM at the EXCEL Building, 86 Muddy Gap Road.

Agriculture & Forestland Producers Opportunity Day

The USDA field office (FSA & NRCS) in Barbourville (serving Whitley, Bell, Harlan, Knox, & Clay counties) will be having an outreach/appreciation day on Tuesday, June 18th from 11 AM - 1 PM. We will be grilling out, helping producers complete their crop reports (which are due July 15th), and discussing current USDA programs.

Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course

Learn more about woodland management, tree identification, wildlife, woodland health and more. Sign up for the Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course today at: <https://wosc.ca.uky.edu/2024WOSC>

Clay County Beekeepers Association

The Clay County Beekeepers will meet on Thursday, June 27th, at 6:00 PM at the EXCEL Building, 86 Muddy Gap Road. New members are always welcome. Please see the KSU Beginner Beekeeping Grant information on the following page. If you are interested in joining and becoming a new beekeeper in Clay County, this is a great way to get started!



Clay County Cattlemen Association

Join us for our next Clay County Cattlemen's Association Meeting on July 9th at 6:00 PM at the EXCEL building, 86 Muddy Gap Road. Please call 598-2789 to register to ensure we have an accurate head count for food.





Kentucky State University

Beginner Beekeeping Grant

2024-25 Application

The Clay County Beekeepers Association would like to share some information about the Kentucky State University Beginner Beekeeping Grant available for new beekeepers. The following link will take you to the complete grant application. If you are interested in becoming a beekeeper, feel free to contact the Clay County Cooperative Extension office to learn about our local organization meetings and other opportunities such as this.

The beginner beekeeping grant covers: Basic hive box materials, basic tools for beekeeping such as smoker and hive tool, basic personal protective equipment (PPE) for beekeeping such as helmet and veil, test kits for disease and pests such as European Foulbrood or American Foulbrood. Please note, HONEYBEES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS GRANT.

<https://www.kysu.edu/documents/college-of-agriculture-communities-the-sciences/application-beginning-beekeeper452024-041124.pdf>

GRANT GUIDELINES

The Kentucky State University Beginner Beekeeping Grant is a collaboration among Kentucky State University (KSU), Kentucky State Beekeepers Association (KSBA), the Kentucky Queen Bee Breeders Association (KQBBA), the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) and local beekeeping groups. The objectives of the program are to help provide resources to beginner beekeepers, encourage participation in local beekeeping groups and to assist in improving the genetics of the Kentucky bee population. The overall goal of the grant is to ensure that beginning beekeepers start with best practices to create more resiliency in local bee populations, which will lead to better pollinators for agriculture and improved biodiversity. (BEES ARE NOT COVERED)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals who are interested in applying for the KSU Beginner Beekeeping Program must meet the following criteria:

- Satisfy eligibility requirements of the KSU Beginning Beekeeper program.
- Currently a member of a local Beekeeper Association and/or KSBA.
- Complete 6 Beekeeping Continuing Education Units (CEU) and submits verifying documentation (Courses can be free with a membership to the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association).
- Submit regular progress reports on bee hive health, productivity and other observations.
- Commit to improving the genetics of Kentucky bees by agreeing to:
 - Purchase nucs/hives from local beekeepers and/or swarm trapping.
 - Purchase queens with varroa mite resistant genetics.

WHAT IS COVERED UNDER THE BEGINNER BEEKEEPING GRANT?

The beginner beekeeping grant covers:

- Basic hive box materials.
- Basic tools for beekeeping such as smoker and hive tool.
- Basic personal protective equipment (PPE) for beekeeping such as helmet and veil.
- Test kits for disease and pests such as European Foulbrood or American Foulbrood
- Please note: HONEYBEES NOT INCLUDED IN GRANT



In 2023 Manchester was acknowledged as the 200th Bee City in the US! National Pollinator week is June 17th - 23rd. To celebrate this event, there will be a Pollinator Plant sale on June 22nd from 9 am - 1 pm at the Clay County Community Farmers Market located at the EXCEL Center, 86 Muddy Gap Road. Plants will be offered at prices from \$1.50 - \$5.00 and select trees offered at \$15.00.

The following plants will be available: Aster, Bee Balm, Big Blue Stem, Bishops Flower, Black Eyed Suzan, Blue Mistflower, Blue Wild Indigo, Butterfly Flower, Dwarf or Ear-Leaved Tickseed, Hyssop, Karmina Geranium, Joe Pye Weed, Little Blue Stem, Maltese Cross, Mist Flower, New Jersey Tea, Prairie, Dropseed, Purple Coneflower, Queen Anne's Lace, Rose Mallow, Royal Candle Veronica, Sweet Coneflower, White Wild Indigo, Joe Pye Weed, Queen Anne's Lace, & Black Eyed Suzan. The following trees will also be available: Button Bush, Silky and Rough Leaf Dogwood, & Ninebark.



BARBOURVILLE USDA FIELD OFFICE

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTLAND PRODUCERS OPPORTUNITY DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

11 am - 1 pm

34 Spring Ave., Barbourville, KY 40906



*Come out to learn about
opportunities and programs
available to you*

FSA, NRCS and the Conservation Districts will be available to serve all residents of counties that use the Barbourville field office (Bell, Clay, Knox, Harlan & Whitley) to go over the multiple programs currently being offered and assist with completing crop reports (due July 15). Door Prizes and Lunch will be provided.



Kentucky WOODLAND OWNERS SHORT COURSE

JUNE - AUGUST 2024



Zoom Online Sessions:



View all

- June 11 - Woodland Management Process/Tree ID
- June 13 - Woodland Health
- June 18 - Wildlife and Woodlands
- June 20 - Carbon, Climate Change & Woodlands
- June 25 - Woodlands, Water Quality & NRCS Financial Technical Assistance

One Field Session:



Pick 1

- July 13 - Robinson Forest
- August 10 - Roundstone Native Seed

\$10/online sessions only OR \$25/online sessions plus 1 field session - \$35/couple

[HTTPS://WOSC.CA.UKY.EDU/REGISTRATION](https://wosc.ca.uky.edu/registration)



The shared-use equipment is located in the Burning Springs Community. You MUST call Thomas to check on availability and to rent.

Equipment MUST be cleaned before returning. If not a \$50 cleaning fee will be charged. If not paid, you forfeit your right to any future equipment rentals.

Equipment rental is \$50 per day for each piece of equipment in Tier 1 and \$30 per day for each piece of equipment in Tier 2.

Tier 1: 6 Ton Lime Spreader, 2 Row Corn Planter, 4 Row Corn Planter, Anderson Bale Wrapper, Pasture Pleaser-Pasture Renovator/Tye Drill, New Holland 185 Manure, New Holland 145 Manure Spreader, Great Plains No Till Drill, and John Deer Drill.

Tier 2: Post Driver, Aerway Pasture Aerator, Low Profile Sprayer, Weed Wipe, Corn Sheller, Chain Drag Harrow, and Vegetable Transplanter w/Mulch Layer & Lifter. We also have a 6'10" X 18' lowboy trailer to haul the vegetable transplanter with mulch layer & lifter.

The Shared Use Equipment Program is supported by the Clay County Agriculture Development Council, Clay County Farm Bureau and the Clay County Conservation District.



4-H Events



Get Involved in 4-H!

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4-H Art Club

If you enjoy being creative or need another way to escape, join the 4-H Art Club! Our summer club meetings will be held on June 18th & July 16th at 2:00 PM at the Clay County Extension Office. You must call to register in order for us to prep for supplies. FREE & open to ages 9-18.



4-H Homeschool Club

If you are a homeschooler, we would love to have you join this club! We focus on a variety of topics and travel to new places to enhance our knowledge in many different areas! Our next club meeting is scheduled for June 24th. You must be homeschooled to participate. FREE & open to ages 9-18. Please call 598-2789 to register.

4-H Cooking Club

Join us as we make a variety of summer and KY State Fair recipes this summer! We will be meeting on June 25th & July 22nd at 2:00 PM at the Clay County Extension Office. FREE & open to ages 9-18 and you must call to register.



4-H Project Showcase

Want to show off your talents? Enter items for the 4-H Project Showcase! Items include photography, crafts, wood-working, foods, sewing, geology & much more! Projects will be judged and participants will receive ribbons. Those receiving Grand Champion will be eligible to enter items in the KY State Fair. See flyer on Page 12 for more information!



4-H Photography Day Camp

Join us for our second day of 4-H Photography Camp on June 4th at 11:00 AM. We will meet at the Clay County Extension Office and travel to various locations for photo opportunities! Photos will be entered in the 4-H Project Showcase July 18th, and grand champ winners will have the opportunity to enter photos in the KY State Fair! Cameras and photos will be due back by July 8th.

4-H Camp Reminders!

Remember to return your camp applications and \$35 registration fee in ASAP! The deadline is June 3rd. Families will receive more paperwork in the mail regarding camp information. Parents and campers that have never attended 4-H Camp are required to attend one of the following orientation dates (July 10th at 12:00PM or July 16th at 3:30PM at the Clay County EXCEL Building).

4-H Paint Day

Our next 4-H Paint Day is June 6th at 2:00 PM at the Clay County EXCEL Building. This is a time for parents/guardians to paint with their child (age 8-18). If younger, the child is required to have adult supervision. You must call to register by June 3rd! This event is free.



Let's Garden!

Join us for 2 days of educational gardening activities and fun! We will have two special guests presenting information on pollinators and gardening tips on June 26th and June 28th at 1:00 PM each day at the Clay County Extension Office. Free & open to youth ages 9-18.



Congratulations to all 4-H Speech and Demonstration participants!!!



Speech Results:



9 Year Old

Lucas Howard—My Trip to Venice Beach Florida, Grand Champion
Raelyn Simpson—Horses, Blue Ribbon
Joh Holden Smallwood—The Scariest Day of My Life, Blue Ribbon

10 Year Old

Bristol Smith—Kentucky Facts, Grand Champion
Ashlyn Adams—Three Most Famous Women of the Bible, Blue Ribbon
Emma Kulp—My Love For Music, Blue Ribbon

11 Year Old

Aliyah Collett—My Trip to the Knoxville Zoo, Grand Champion
Ashtyn Collett—The Day I was “Hooked” on Fishing

17 Year Old

Brice Madden—Leadership, Grand Champion

Demonstration Results:

Natural Resources

Jaxon Collins—How to Wood Burn, Grand Champion
Brailyn Smallwood—Volcanoes, Blue Ribbon

Health

Logan Jace Smith—How to Take Care of Your Teeth With Braces, Grand Champion
Gracen Caldwell—Skincare: Natural vs. Artificial, Blue Ribbon

Foods

Piper Whitehead—Cookies, Grand Champion

Performing Arts

Arabella Smith—The Magic of the Flute, Grand Champion

Agriculture

Elijah Simpson—How to Grow Heirloom Pole Beans, Grand Champion





4-H Paint Day

June 6th

Clay County EXCEL Building

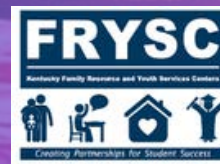
2:00PM

Parent + Child Event

(Age 8-18)

You must call to register at 598-2789!

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June 26th & 28th

Let's
Garden!

1:00 PM

Clay County Extension Office



Join us for educational gardening activities & fun!
Age: 9-18 (if younger, a parent must be present)



4-H Project Showcase

July 15th - 16th

(8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Clay County Extension Office

FREE & open to all youth ages 9-18

Want to show off your talents? Enter items for 4-H Project Day! Items include photography, crafts, woodworking, foods, sewing, geology and much more! Projects will be judged and participants will receive ribbons. Those receiving Grand Champion will be eligible to enter items for Kentucky State Fair.

Call 598-2789 to receive a packet of ideas and to register! You can also check out the Kentucky State Fair Catalog at <https://clay.ca.uky.edu/4h-youth-development> to view all categories and rules for entering.



**All projects will be judged and on display to the public:
July 18th from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Clay County Extension Office**





“UNDER THE BIG TOP,”

4-H SUMMER CAMP 2024



**Applications are now available!
You can pick one up at the Clay
County Extension Office or
click on the link below:
[https://clay.ca.uky.edu/4h-
camp](https://clay.ca.uky.edu/4h-camp)**

**July 30-
Aug. 2, 2024**

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accommodated
with prior notification.

Family & Consumer Sciences

A note from your FCS Agent: I had the great pleasure and opportunity to step into the role of Clay County's newest Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences on May 15th. I have been working diligently to find my bearings and learn in this new position so that I will be able to begin offering exciting and informational programs to our community as soon as possible. In the meantime, please feel free to give me a call or stop by the office with any questions, concerns, or ideas...I'm so excited to grow in my role as your FCS Agent!



Brandy Napier

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Create & Inspire Club

Create & Inspire is a new homemaker club being led by Lona Cornett that will meet on the 2nd Friday of each month from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the EXCEL Building, 86 Muddy Gap Road. Club members will be able to work on their choice of enjoyable hobbies, whether it be quilting, painting, embroidery, or just whatever. Bring your project and join us for a creative and inspiring day! If you are not already a paid homemaker, dues are \$12.00 annually. Our first meeting will be June 14th.

Card Making Club

Would you like to learn how to make beautiful greeting cards? If, so, you will love our Card Making Club, which is led by Gail Voyles, and meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM at the Clay County Extension Office. We always welcome new members! Our next meeting will be June 11th.



Homemaker Recipe Club

If you love cooking & trying new recipes, join our Homemaker Recipe Club! We will not meet in person, just call to be added to our mailing list! Once we have your contact information, you will receive 3 new recipes in the mail each month. Try these at home with your family & take pictures to share to let us know what you think! If you have already joined, be on the lookout for your June recipes!



Pins & Needles Homemaker Club

The Pins & Needles Club, led by Laura Garrison, meets every 3rd Saturday at 10 AM at the EXCEL building. This club always welcomes new members! Bring your materials and join us with your sewing projects. Don't know how to sew, no problem...we will teach you! Our next meeting will be June 15th.



FCS & Homemaker Club Activities



Card Making Club

Come join our Homemaker Card Making Club! We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM at the Clay County Extension Office. Thanks to Gail Voyles for leading this club every month and teaching us all the different techniques to make beautiful greeting cards to share!



Pins & Needles

If you would like to learn how to sew, we would love to teach you! Our Pins & Needles Homemaker Club is led by Laura Garrison and meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the EXCEL building beside McDonalds. Bring your materials and join us with your sewing projects.



FCS Welcome Reception

This month we welcomed new FCS Agent, Brandy Napier, to Clay County Cooperative Extension with Taco Tuesday Meet & Greet Lunch, "Taco to your new Agent!"

Thank you to Clay County Homemakers and everyone who helped us welcome Brandy!



Are you interested in becoming a member of the Clay County Homemakers? We always welcome new members! Contact us at 598-2789. We can provide information about our current clubs and programs, as well as guidance in establishing new clubs. Homemaker dues are \$12.00 annually. Your annual Homemaker dues allow you to join any of our Homemaker Clubs.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Italian Cucumber Salad

Servings: 6

Serving Size: 1 cup

Ingredients:

- 2 medium cucumbers, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup sliced red onion
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ cup Italian dressing

Directions:

- In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients.
- Cover and refrigerate until serving.
- Serve with slotted spoon.

Notes:

Add more color and nutrition by adding red, yellow, or orange bell peppers, banana peppers, or hot peppers to this dish.

Source: Recipe provided courtesy of Taste of Home magazine.



Nutrition Facts Per Serving: 106 calories; 8 g total fat; 1 g saturated fat; 0 g trans fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 341 mg sodium; 8 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 2 g protein