

JACKSON COUNTY FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

Spring Newsletter (March - May)

I hope the newsletter finds you in warmer weather! This newsletter will hopefully be an overview of the majority of the programs we're going to offer in Spring of 2025. We sometimes have some programs pop up fast so be sure to always check in with our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCoKYExtensionService









Things are ramping back up for Spring! I don't know about you, but I'm glad to see warmer weather on the horizon.

We've started some new programs this year and I hope you get to join us! We've started a Lunch & Learn where we eat lunch together and learn about a different topic each month. It gives us an excuse to socialize, swap stories, tips and tricks, and eat something filling!

We also have our Wits Workout, brain games to make sure we're treating our brain health like we do our physical health. They're fun and get us to work out our wits!

We are also hosting a Spring Bazaar at the Extension Conference Center, the flyer for it is on the third page. I hope to see you there, shopping from local vendors!



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FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE EVENTS

Cooking Through The Calendar

March 13, April 10, May 8 - Second Thursday at Ilam

We will do a cooking demonstration through the 2025 Recipe Calendar provided by the Nutrition Education Program (NEP) with samples provided.





Crochet Class Tuesday, April 16, 10am

Learn how to make crochet stars in a class with all materials provided!

Rescheduled from January.

Wits Workout

Wednesday, March 19 & May 21 - 10am

Join us for this program to engage in some simple exercises and guided challenging puzzles, learn what you can do in your daily life to keep your brain and body healthy while interacting with others.





Lunch & Learn

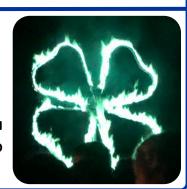
Tuesday, March 25, April 22, May 13, 11am

Eat lunch with us and learn about an FCS topic! Meals provided!

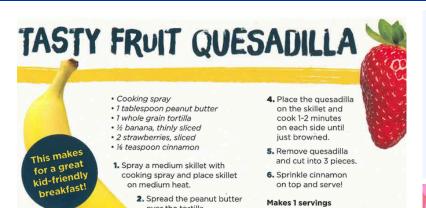
4H Camp

Tuesday May 27 - Friday May 30 - JM Feltner Camp

Do you have a child ages 9 - 15 in your life who wants to experience a week of camp activities with other counties? Come to JM Feltner 4H Camp the week after Memorial Day for some camping fun!



JACKSON COUNTY SAVE THE DATES



Serving size: 1 quesadilla

Nutrition facts per serving: 280

calories; 9g total fat; 1.5g saturated

200mg sodium; 43g carbohydrate;

fat; Og trans fat; Omg cholesterol;

over the tortilla.

3. Arrange strawberry

and banana slices over half of the

tortilla and then

fold the tortilla



HARVESTING HARMONY

A Sustainable Homesteading Series

Join the Breathitt & Jackson Co. Extension Offices while we pioneer the path to living a more sustainable life through a four part series.





Series 4: Dehydration & Soil Testing/ Pesticide Safetu Jackson County: April 14th, 10a-3p

Homemaker Council Meeting @ Jackson County ECC -Tuesday March 18 at 10am!



Contact us for more info about any events!

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SAVE THE DATE MAY 15, 2025 | 10 AM - 3 PM

WILDERNESS TRAIL AREA

NEEDLEWORK SEMINAR

WTA EXTENSION OFFICES

Bell County Extension Office: 606-337-2376

Clay County Extension Office: 606-598-2789

Harlan County Extension Office: 606-573-4464

Jackson County Extension Office: 606-287-7693

Knox County Extension Office: 606-546-3447

Laurel County Extension Office: 606-864-4167

Rockcastle County Extension Office: 606-256-2403

Whitley County Extension Office: 606-549-1430

CURRENT LIST OF CLASSES:

Red Work (2 hour)

Crochet (2 hour)

English Paper Piecing (2 hour)

Jelly Roll Quilt (4 hour)

Cross Stitch (2 hour)

Basic Embroidery (2 hour)

Diamond Art (2 hour)

Clay County Cooperative Extension Service EXCEL Building 86 Muddy Gap Rd, Manchester, KY 40962 Watch your newsletter for additional information and registration.

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Family and Consumer Sciences
4-H Youth Development
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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

BEING A RESPONSIBLE CONSUMER OF INFORMATION

With the introduction of online sources for news and current events, the opportunity for misinformation has become a growing concern. When newspapers, radio, and television were the primary sources available for news, most providers recognized that their service was a "public good." As such, they had a responsibility to verify the accuracy and reliability of their content. With more sources of information at your fingertips, accuracy sometimes becomes diluted or even nonexistent as anyone with an opinion, whether factual or not, can publish online.



Just like viral infections start with tiny germs and spread quickly in your body to make you (and others) sick, viral stories use online hosts to make "copies" of the original post to spread it quickly. Within a very short time, many people might believe something to be true, just because they have seen it repeatedly. The accuracy of the information was not verified, even though it was shared millions of times.

STOPPING INTERNET "GERMS"

What can you do to prevent the spread of viral online "germs"? The News Literacy Project has



identified five key factors that you can apply to any story to weed out misinformation: authenticity, source, evidence, context, and reasoning.

First, ask yourself, does this even seem reasonable or credible? Is it **authentic?** If the headline and the story do not match, that is a red flag. If the story seems too outlandish to be true, that could be another reason to question whether it is true. Be aware that pictures, stories, videos, and even people's voices can be manipulated through artificial intelligence (AI), so you should carefully evaluate everything you see and hear.

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"IF IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS"



Second, is the **source** trustworthy? Most reliable news outlets are transparent with where they get their information. They also might publish their ethics policies. Check out a publication's sources and policies to see if you are comfortable with their ethical standards. No sources? Another red flag.

Third, is there **evidence** that supports any claims that were made? If statements are made without evidence, you should hesitate before believing them. Even if evidence is presented, follow up to see if the evidence is credible.

Next, does the **context** make sense? If things seem out of place or are in conflict, dig deeper. Remember, not all sources are reliable.

Finally, is it supported by solid **reasoning?** If the story goes against common sense, trust your instincts and question the story.

BUYER BEWARE

You can also apply these factors to financial consumer awareness. Consider **caveat emptor.** This Latin phrase means, "Let the buyer beware." When you buy a good or service, it is your responsibility to do your

due diligence to ensure that you pay a fair price and get a good product. While we now have consumer protection agencies and laws that look out for consumers' best interests, applying the five factors of misinformation can save you lots of time, money, and aggravation.

Various types of **scams and frauds** from "bait and switch" to "phishing scams" (addressed in previous MONEYWI\$E newsletters) might be more easily recognized if you consider the misinformation factors. Looking at anything you "consume" (from news to purchases) with a critical eye will help you better recognize scams and fraud. The old adage, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is," holds water. Contact your local FCS agent for more information on becoming an informed consumer.

RESOURCES

American Psychological Association. https://www.apa.org/topics/journalism-facts/misinformation-interventions

News Literacy Project. https://newslit.org/

The Role of Consumer Protection Agencies. https://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/files/moneywise_june_2024.pdf

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