# Letcher County Extension Newsletter



July 2025

## Our office will be closed July 4th

## **EXTENSION EVENTS**

How to stay up-to-date?

## **Monthly Newsletter** Call or email to be added to the monthly mailing list



## Facebook Page

"Like" our Facebook page-Letcher County Cooperative Extension Service : Go to our page & check out events.

## Webpage

Check out the county webpage at https://letcher.ca.uky.edu





## Letcher County Extension

Email: letcher.Ext@uky.edu

Open Monday-Friday 8 am-4:30pm

478 Extension Dr Whitesburg, Ky 41858

## Phone: 606-633-2362

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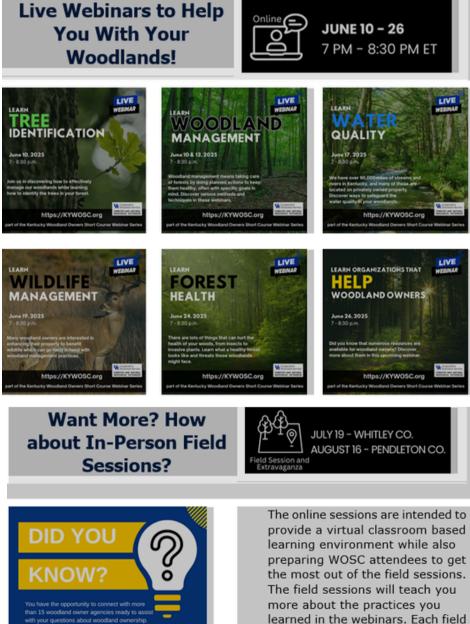
## Join the Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course!

Education, Networking, Resources, In-person Training ... all in one!

The Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course not only provides essential knowledge and resources for sustainable forestry, but also allows you access to expert-led sessions that provide invaluable insights, in-person field experiences, and resources tailored specifically for woodland owners. This is your chance to learn from the best and connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for responsible land stewardship.

By registering for the Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course, you will receive exclusive access to a wealth of resources designed to enhance your learning experience.





WOODLAND OWNER

July 19 OR August 16

https://KYWOSC.org

XTRAVAGANZA!

session will feature a Woodland Owner Extravaganza where over 15 different forestry and wildlife agencies will be on hand to answer your woodland questions.





## Let us shed some light on Woodland Ownership!

## KYWOSC.org



Forestry and Natural Resources - Extension



# WOODLAND OWNER EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us for a day filled with networking, learning, and connecting YOU, the woodland owner, with over **15 ESSENTIAL AGENCIES** you need to enhance your woodlands.

Saturday, July 19

9 AM - 3:30 PM

LUNCH INCLUDED

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Whitley Co. Extension Office

Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course

## 15 Agencies

Woodland Management Assistance

## **Financial Help Avenues**

Wildlife Habitat Resources

> 6 Webinars Included

> > Farm Tour



Register: WOSC.ca.uky.edu/2025-WOSC







Lightning Bugs July 10 @ Noon zoom call 633-2362 if interested for the zoom link



Pollinator Workshop July 17<sup>th</sup> @ Noon Participants will be visiting one of the local pollinator plots and will receive some zennia to start your own.

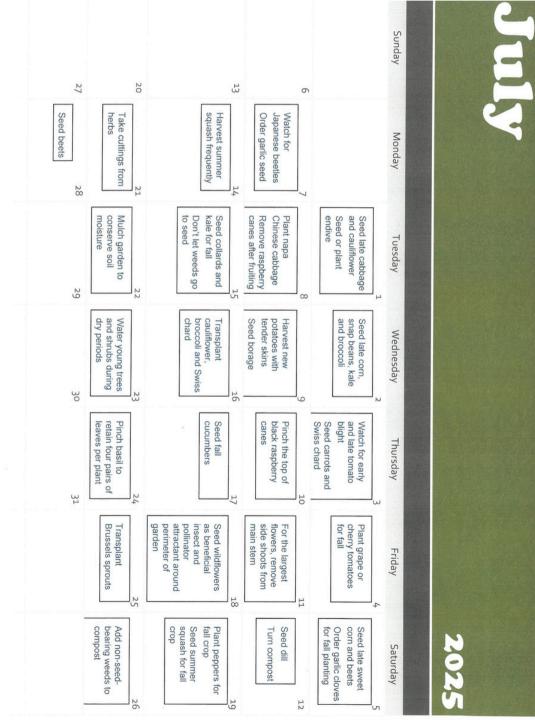


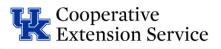






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### LETCHER COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE



## LETTER FROM YOUR AGENT

#### Hello friends,

July is here, and with it comes a full calendar of fun, engaging, and educational

opportunities through your Letcher County Extension Office! Whether you're looking to stay active, sharpen your mind, learn something new, or just enjoy some time with friends, we've got something for everyone this month. We're excited to continue our Wits Workout sessions—an interactive program designed to give our brains a good workout through puzzles, games, and social connection. It's a great way to stay mentally sharp while enjoying the company of others.

If you're looking to stay physically active, join us for our Weekly Walking Program. This is a fantastic way to get some fresh air, boost your health, and connect with neighbors in a relaxed, encouraging environment.

Our younger community members won't be left out either—Super Star Chef Day Camp is coming soon! Youth will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, nutrition tips, and more through hands-on activities that are both fun and educational.

We're also continuing our popular Traveling the World with Extension series, and this month we'll be exploring the rich culture, history, and cuisine of Cuba. It's a perfect chance to "travel" without leaving town—and no passport required!

For our Homemakers, we're thrilled about the upcoming Quilt Shop Hop Trip, a fun day of travel, inspiration, and of course—fabric shopping! It's always a favorite, so be sure to reserve your spot early.

And these are just a few of the highlights—there are many more programs on the way this month, all designed to help you and your family live well, learn more, and connect with your community.

Make sure to follow our Facebook page or call the office to get all the details and register for any programs you're interested in. We'd love to have you join us!

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and joyful July,

Nanette Banks

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Letcher County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences

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## FCS focus





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Walk your way walking program/challenge July 7 July 14 July 21 July 28 10:00 am



Homemakers Game Day July 7<sup>th</sup> @ Noon Bring your favorite game day snack to share



Wits Workout July 7 July 21st 11:00

<u>Homemaker Meetings</u> Letcher Homemakers July 8 @ 10:30 Jeremiah Missionary Baptist

> <u>Jenkins Homemakers</u> July 16 @ 11:30 Jenkins Library





<u>Traveling With Extension</u> (Cuba) Please call and register July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am



(Parenting a Second Time Around)

July 16 @ 10:30 Jenkins Library

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## FCS focus





<u>Mini Bundt Cake Workshop</u> Sweet Skills for Every baker July 22 @ 10:00 am Letcher county Extension

<u>Plate it Up</u> <u>July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00</u> Chicken and Brussel Sprouts One Pan Meal, Fresh Corn Salad and Cantaloupe Bread



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Slab Pie Workshop July 30 @ 10:00 am



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## FCS Program Updates

## Homemaker Trip

The Letcher County Homemakers hit the road on June 2, 2025, for a fun and memorable day in Casey County! From browsing handmade goods and fresh foods at local Amish stores to enjoying a delicious meal at the Bread of Life Café, it was a day full of laughter, good company, and meaningful

## connections.

These trips are more than just a getaway—they're a reminder of the value of fellowship, learning, and exploring the hidden gems of Kentucky. For more information on the Letcher County Homemaker Association contact Nanette Banks at 606-633-2362.



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## Star Table Topper

On June 16th, Master Clothing Volunteer Lisa Ison led a hands-on sewing workshop, teaching participants how to create a beautiful star table topper! Her expertise and guidance made the class both fun and informative—thanks to everyone who joined us for a creative day of stitching!

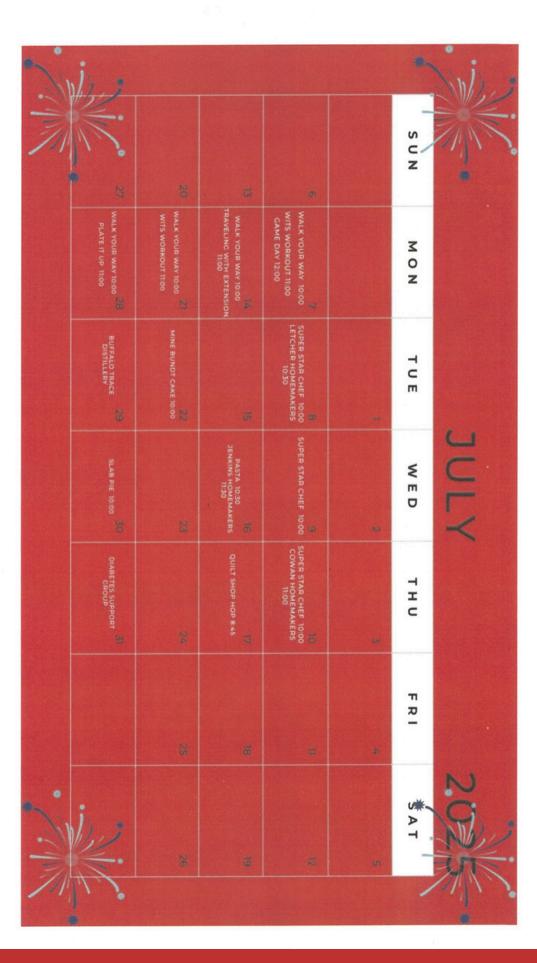
## Homemaker Game Day Gathering

On June 17th, the Letcher County FCS Agent hosted our monthly Game Day at the Extension Office! Participants learned how to play Bunco and enjoyed a fun-filled day of games, food, and fellowship. It was the perfect mix of fun, food, and learning!











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Cooperative Extension Service **Quicksand Area Agents Present** Family and Consumer Sciences Food Preservation Workshop

August 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Robinson** Center Jackson, KY

Join us for a two day Food Preservation Workshop covering:

Water Bath Canning Dehydrating Vacuum Sealing

**Pressure Canning** Freezing Jam & Jellies and more!

Contact your local Extension Office to sign up!

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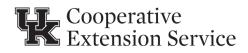
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## Recipes from the 2025 Food and Nutrition Recipe Calendar



## **Chicken Burgers**



#### Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 10 minutes

- 1 pound 98% fat-free, ground chicken breast
- 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/2cupgreenonions, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup celery, diced
- 1teaspoongarlicpowder (or 1 clove of garlic, minced)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 4whole-wheathamburger buns
- 2cupsromainelettuce, torn or shredded
- 1largetomato,cutinto 8 slices

*Optional: 2 tablespoons cheese, such as blue cheese, feta, or shredded cheese* 

- 1. Wash hands with warm water and soap, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine chicken, barbecue sauce, green onion, celery, garlic powder, and salt.

- **3.** Using wet hands (to prevent mixture from sticking), form chicken mixture into four 1/2-inch-thick patties. Wash hands with warm water and soap after handling raw poultry.
- **4.** Preheat a large skillet over low to medium heat and spray with nonstick cooking spray.
- Place burgers in the preheated skillet. Cook until burgers reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees F as measured on a meat thermometer, about 5 minutes per side.
- 6. To serve, place each burger on a bun. Top each with 1/2 cup shredded lettuce, 2 tomato slices, and optional 1/2 tablespoon of cheese.

7. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Makes 4 servings

Serving size: 1 burger on bun with toppings Cost per recipe: \$8.36 Cost per serving: \$2.09



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## Nutrition facts per serving:

300 calories; 3.5g total fat; Og saturated fat; Og transfat; 65mg cholesterol; 500mg sodium; 32gtotal carbohydrate; 1g dietary fiber; 9gtotalsugars; 4g addedsugars; 27g protein; 0%Daily Value of vitaminD; 10% Daily Value of calcium; 15% Daily Valueofiron; 4% Daily Valueofpotassium

#### Source:

AndreaWilde, NEP Area Nutrition Agent,University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service

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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 NAME County Extension Office 000 Street Road City, KY Zip (000) 000-0000

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## THIS MONTH'S TOPIC WHAT IS ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME?



A lpha-gal Syndrome (AGS) is a severe allergy that can happen after a tick bite. It causes allergic reactions when people eat red meat or use products derived from animals, such as cows, pigs, or deer.

Ticks carry a sugar molecule called alpha-gal, which is also in red meat. When the tick bites, it can transfer a small amount of alpha-gal into the person. In some people, this causes an immune response. The immune response triggers an allergic reaction each time the person comes into contact with alpha-gal in the future. It can happen when they eat red meat, such as beef, pork, or venison, or come into contact with products made from other parts of those animals, including dairy products, gelatin, or beauty products.

In the United States, Lone Star ticks are the most common transmitters of alpha-

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gal to humans. While it is possible for anyone to be bitten by a tick and have a reaction, adults react more commonly than children.

The best way to avoid getting AGS is to avoid tick bites! If you are going into areas of dense trees or shrubbery, use tick spray or wear tickproof clothing. If possible, stay out of tall grass and thick woods, and walk in the center of trails.

After coming in from outdoors, check your skin, clothes, and pets for ticks. Take a shower and look for ticks on your body and always remove any ticks right away.

If you develop symptoms of a food allergy after a tick bite, contact your doctor. Make sure to tell them about your tick bite, to help them see if your illness may be related. It is important to get medical treatment for food allergy symptoms, even if the symptoms happen several hours after eating.

Get emergency medical treatment if you have symptoms of a serious allergic reaction. If you have trouble breathing, called anaphylaxis, or a constricted airway, rapid pulse, are feeling dizzy or light-headed, drooling, not able to swallow, or have full-body redness and warmth.

In order to diagnose you, a doctor may ask about your symptoms, medical history, and daily habits, take a blood sample for alpha-gal antibody testing, or recommend allergy testing to confirm or rule out other potential allergens.

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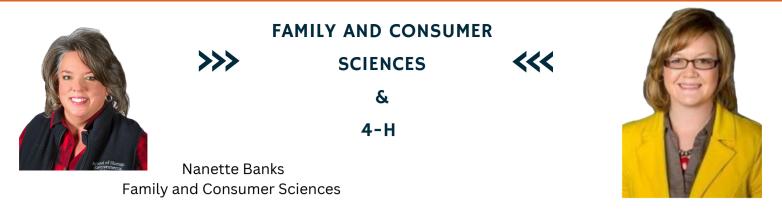
If you are diagnosed with AGS, see an allergy doctor, known as an allergist, for help. They specialize in treating allergic reactions and can help develop a plan to help you cope with your diagnosis. They can also refer you to other healthcare specialists, such as a dietitian, mental health therapist, or home health service if needed.

Other recommendations for people living with AGS include avoiding eating red meat (beef, pork, lamb, deer, rabbit), and avoiding other potential sources of alpha-gal from animal products such as dairy products, gelatin, and certain beauty products. Read labels carefully to avoid trigger products. Talk to a doctor before taking any new medicine or vaccines. It is also important to avoid new tick bites, as they can make the allergy worse.

#### **REFERENCE:**

https://www.cdc.gov/alpha-gal-syndrome/about

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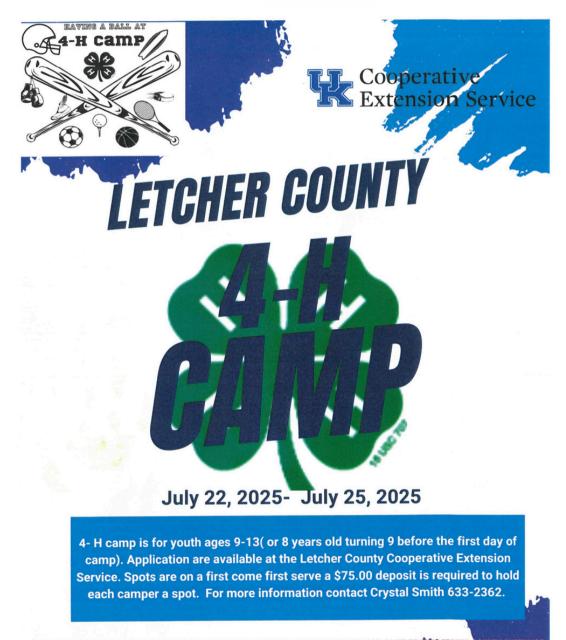


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HEAD - Problem solving: ability to sort out complex problems. HEART - Emotional development: developing good attitudes toward work and learning; developing acceptance and appreciation of other people. HANDS - Skills development: ability to do, skill in doing and habit of doing. HEALTH - Physical development: understanding and appreciating a growing and changing body.

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**DEADLINE: JULY 11** 

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Canoeing Lots More! Sports

dances, campfires, night hikes, and more!

separate cabins on separate sides of the Campers stay in cabins with trained teen and adult leaders. Boys and girls are in

Classes Fill Up Quick! Sign-up today!



What do you do at Camp?

Camp is packed with activities from dawn to dusk! Campers will take classes offered by certified instructors in classes like:

-HArts & Crafts Nature ÷ ÷ Ropes/Zip Line Swimming Archery

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+ Fishing Plus, you'll have the chance to take part nexciting team challenges, nightly

Where do we sleep?

camp.

If you would like to bunk with a friend, we can do that! Just be sure to indicate their name on the pre-registration form.



that there ages 9-13 years old (Or 8 Who can go to 4-H Camp? 4-H Camp is for all Letcher County youth

Fall). Junior Counselors in training and entering the 4th grade in the counselors are ages 16-18 years are 14-15 years old, junior old.

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How much does it cost to

go to 4-H Camp

scholarships available to assist in \$75.00 deposit to hold spots. We have paying the cost.

this brochure and submit it to the Extension To be eligible for a scholarship, you must complete the pre-registration form in

Office by May 16, 2025.

# How do I register?

Complete the pre-registration form on the Extension Office. A deposit of \$75.00 is due with the application to reserve your space back of this brochure and return it to the camp.

are limited on the number of youth who can attend-getyour application in early! You will receive additional forms in the mail that must be completed prior to camp. We





**ADVENTURE!** 

Letcher County

4-H SUMMER CAMP July 22- 25, 2025

> To reserve your spot at 4-H Camp, please complete and return the pre-registration

Today!

Sign Up

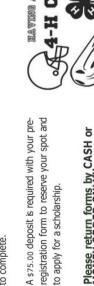
registration materials will be sent for you

to complete.

form in this brochure. Additional







to apply for a scholarship.



For more info, contact: Letcher Co. Extension Office Whitesburg, KY 41858 PO Box 784

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## 2025 4-H Camp

### **Preregistration Form**



Camp Fee:	Camp Dates:	July 22 - 25, 2025		
	(\$75.00 deposit required; scholarships available!)			
Camper's Name			Birth Date//	-
Mailing Address				

City	State	Zip Code				
Gender (Circle One) Male / Female	School Attended					
Race/Ethnicity	Grade	T-Shirt Size				
Have you attended 4-H Camp before? If so, how many years? Camper						
would like to bunk with						
Custodial Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name						
Home Phone	Cell Phor	ne				
Work Phone	Email	Email				

Will the camper need special accommodations while at camp due to any allergies, disability, or

medical condition? If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_\_REMEMBER: You will have to fill out the complete Health & Registration Form before your child can attend 4-H Camp. We will send these to you once we have processed this pre-registration form!

#### **Class Ballot**

At 4-H Camp, you will be able to take 4 classes. Please select your top 8 classes from the list below. **Rank them** 1-8.

Go on line to <u>www.uky.aq!letcher</u> to download descriptions for all these classes or contact our office!

_Fishing	_High Ropes/Zip Line	_Nature _Tie-dying _ Gaga Ball _ Bicycles _Field Games _ Flag Foot ball _ Com Hole _ Arts _Archery
_Beg. Swimming _Low Ropes	_Crafts _Science _Riflery	
_ Ad. Swimming _Basketball _Volleyball _Canoeing	_ Nature _ Bee's	

How many in your family will be attending 4-H Camp? \_\_\_\_\_

\_ Certification of Applicant

I do hereby certify that the information provided above is correct.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Cash or Money Order ONLY Letcher County 4-H Council Please return (with \$75.00 deposit) to: Letcher Co. Extension Office PO BOX784 Whitesburg KY 41858 606-633-2362 Crystal.Smith@uky.edu



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