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## HARRISON COUNTY HORTICULTURE NEWSLETTER

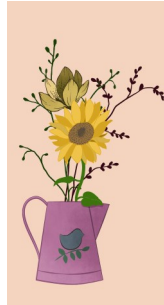


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Hello Horticulturalists! I hope you are having a good summer!  
This newsletter is for August and September and includes  
several flyers with information and upcoming events!

For those of you looking forward to fall, check out the artificial  
wreath class coming up in September! Fall is also a great time to  
plant trees, so we have a class for that too, in September.  
September usually wraps up the Farmers Market season, so  
make sure to stop by and see them this month! For those of  
you that are growing pumpkins for the Giant Pumpkin Contest  
in October, make sure you are keeping an eye on things to  
prevent any disease and insect issues.



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### HARRISON COUNTY EXTENSION

# FALL WREATH WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

**\$10 CLASS FEE**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**  
**CALL 859-234-5510**  
**TO REGISTER**



Flat Run Veterans Park  
364 Oddville Ave., Cynthiana

Stop by the Harrison County  
Market to stock up on fresh  
vegetables, local honey, local  
meat, and hand made crafts each  
Saturday from 9:00—1:00.

Scan the QR code to go directly to  
the Farmers Market Website.  
Also, be sure to follow them on  
Facebook for the most up-to-date  
information!



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# TREES FOR THE LANDSCAPE

## WHAT TO PLANT & HOW TO PLANT

Come learn about recommended varieties of trees for your yard as well as best practices for planting and maintenance.

**Harrison County Extension Office**

**Tuesday, September 26th  
10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.**

Call 859-234-5510 to sign up!



Licking Valley Honey Bee Society Presents:

The Second Annual Cynthiana Honey Festival!

September 23rd  
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Downtown Cynthiana

☆ ☆ Cynthiana Honey Festival ☆ ☆

Honey Show ☆ ☆ Honey Bake-Off ☆ ☆  
Honeybee Hustle Fun Run ☆ ☆  
Educational Speakers ☆ ☆ Beauty Pageant ☆ ☆  
Family Activities ☆ ☆  
Craft and Food Vendors ☆ ☆  
Live Music ☆ ☆



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# Growing your giant pumpkins for the Giant Pumpkin Contest

The Giant Pumpkin Contest will be here before we know it! So, if you are growing pumpkins for the contest, be sure to check them daily to make sure they are happy and healthy! As a clarification, anyone in Harrison County can participate in this contest, even if you didn't get your seeds from the Extension Office. Pumpkins of all sizes are welcome, so we hope to see a lot of participation and to fill the courthouse area with lots of festive pumpkins for the Halloween holiday weekend!

Final details of the contest are still being determined, so check back with the Harrison County Extension Office closer to October for more information. This is a new program for this year so bear with us as we work out any kinks, but we feel like this will be a great way to add even more fun and community involvement to Cynthiana, Kentucky's #1 Fall Destination!

**Below are some tips from the University of Nebraska about successfully growing giant pumpkins.**

During the months of July and August, pumpkins pack on big weight. In order to maximize growth, maintain a consistent watering schedule. When the pumpkin reaches basketball size, align the fruit so that the stem makes a 90-degree angle to the vine. Move slowly, less than an inch per day until the right angle is achieved. This relieves stress and gives the fruit more room to grow. Prune vine tips by mid-August so that the plant forces energy into the pumpkin. Keep the patch weed-free, to the best of your ability. Cover pumpkins with a bed sheet to prevent sunburn. Mouse traps keep rodents from burrowing into your fruit. Control Powdery Mildew (white dust-like covering on leaves) with fungicide such as Daconil. By September, the nights will become cooler and pumpkin growth will slow considerably. Some growers cover the fruit at night with heavy blankets. This keeps moisture/frost from deteriorating the soft skin. The final step in the season is to harvest the pumpkin, in October.

*Source: University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension*



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& CYNTHIANA HARRISON COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS:

## GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST

LET'S SEE WHO CAN GROW THE LARGEST  
PUMPKIN IN HARRISON COUNTY!

How to Participate:

- Beginning on June 16, pick up free Giant Pumpkin seeds at the Harrison County Extension Office (668 New Lair Road)
- Take home seeds and grow your pumpkin!
- Come to the Courthouse on Friday, October 27th for Weigh-in. Time TBD
- Pumpkins will stay on Display all weekend for downtown Halloween activities
- Pumpkins can be picked up on Wednesday, November 1st. Time TBD



## 4-H HORTICULTURE CLUB

Do you have a child 4-H age that is interested in plants and gardening? If so, they might enjoy the 4-H Horticulture club! We meet the third Wednesday of the month, beginning in October. Make sure they sign up for Horticulture on the 4-H enrollment form to receive notifications of upcoming meetings and events!



**First meeting of the new year:  
Wednesday, October 18  
3:30 - 4:30  
Harrison County Extension office**

For more information, call 859-234-5510



**Start your day with Extension!**

**9:10 a.m. Stacey Stephens  
with NEP:**

1st Monday of the month

**Jessica Wells with Horticulture:**

1st Wednesday of the month

**Shannon Farrell and Holly  
Laytart with 4-H:**

2nd Wednesday of the month

**Shelley Meyer with FCS:**

4th Thursday of the month



Check out the new Hort Culture podcast, made specifically for Kentucky! It is a great source for growers of all experience levels!



*Community Corner*



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Check out what's happening in our community! Use your smart phone camera to scan the QR codes to be directed to the organization's separate website.

HC EXTENSION



## Tomato Basil Bruschetta

**3 plum** tomatoes, chopped  
**1/3 cup** thinly sliced and coarsely chopped onion  
**2 cloves** garlic, minced  
**1 tablespoon** red wine vinegar  
**6 tablespoons** olive oil

**1 tablespoon** minced fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil  
**1/2 teaspoon** dried oregano  
**1/4 teaspoon** salt  
**1/8 teaspoon** ground pepper  
**1 pound** loaf, whole wheat French bread, cut into 1/2 inch slices

**1. Combine** tomatoes, onions, garlic, red wine vinegar, 2 tablespoons olive oil, basil, oregano, salt and pepper; set aside.  
**2. Preheat** broiler of oven.  
**3. Lightly brush** both sides of bread slices with remaining olive oil and

arrange on ungreased baking sheet.

**4. Place** three to four inches from the broiler and heat slices for two to three minutes on each side or until golden brown.

**5. Top** each slice with tomato mixture, using a

slotted spoon and serve.

**Yield:** 16, 1/2 inch slices

**Nutritional Analysis:** 140 calories, 5 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 250 mg sodium, 19 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 0 g sugar, 4 g protein.



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