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HARRISON COUNTY HORTICULTURE NEWSLETTER

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Summertime is here and there is LOTS of stuff going on at the Extension Office! Be sure to read each page of this newsletter and check out all of the flyers that are advertising upcoming events!

For County Fair Entry—PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING and all of the enclosed flyer. This year, for all entries that are displayed in the exhibit halls we will be REQUIRING pre-registration using the online system. Pre-registration was required last year too, but we still took a few walkups, since it was a new system. We will NOT be taking walkups this year. Everything entered must be pre-registered using the information included on the flyer. Please call the office with any questions you might have. Also, please register anything you think you might bring (even if you aren't positive yet). If you register for an item and don't bring it, that is completely fine, we can just mark it out. However, if you show up with something that wasn't pre-registered, it will not be allowed to be entered.



Harrison County
FARMERS
MARKET
Flat Run Veterans Park
364 Oddville Ave., Cynthiana

Harrison County Farmers Market

Open Every Saturday
from 9:00—1:00 at
Flat Run Veteran's
Park



\$8 **\$8**

2024 HARRISON COUNTY FAIR
PRE-SALE TICKETS
On Sale from June 3 to July 12
\$8 per ticket, per night. Ticket is valid on any night.
Purchase at the HC Extension Office Monday-Friday,
8:30a to 4:00p. Closed July 4. Cash/Check accepted.
NON-REFUNDABLE & Includes Rides

\$8 **\$8**

www.harrisoncokyfair.com



The Extension Office
will be closed on
Thursday, July 4th in
observance of
Independence Day

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FAIR ENTRY REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required! Online registration window will be open June 3rd- July 11, 2024 using the website:

<https://harrisoncountyfairky.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/20429>

Fair Exhibit Check-in will be assigned by appointment only which you select during online registration. All entries must be completed online. No walk-up or day-of entries will be accepted.

We have three help days for those needing assistance entering items online. Times will be between 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m:

- Thursday, June 24th
- Thursday, June 26th
- Monday, July 9th

Help days are scheduled by appointment only. Please call 859-234-5510 to reserve your spot.

DEADLINE TO ENTER all fair exhibits online is Thursday, July 11th @noon.

Tag Instructions:

We will print your tags. Tag pick up will be Friday, July 12th at the Harrison County Extension Office (668 New Lair Road, Cynthiana, KY 41031). Or you can pick up tags earlier at the office if you call (859-234-5510) to let us know you are done entering items into the online system.

****Fair entry drop off is Sunday, July 14 from 1-5pm****

HARRISON COUNTY

FAIR

July 13-20, 2024

July 27, 2024

\$10 Per Person
2 & Under Free

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 13

\$10 GATE FEE

- 9 a.m. Hog Show (Barn)
- 5 p.m. Miss HC Pageant (McCauley Bldg)
- 5 p.m. Ms/Mrs HC Pageant (McCauley Bldg)
- 6:30 p.m. Rocky Mountain Tennessee Walking Horse Show (Center Ring)
- 7 p.m. TNT Truck Tractor Pull (Track)

SUNDAY, JULY 14

NO GATE FEE

- 1-5 P.M. Enter Exhibits, 4-H, FFA, Floral Hall
- 5 p.m. HC Fun Horse Show (Center)
- 6:30 p.m. FREE Family Gospel Sing

MONDAY, JULY 15

\$10 GATE FEE

- 1 p.m. Dairy Cattle Show (Barn)
- 6 p.m. Kid Activities
Hosted by Community Action (Center)
- 6 p.m. Touch-A-Truck (Center)
- 6-9:30 p.m. Zero Turn Lawnmower Contest (Center)
- 6:30 p.m. Sheep Show (Barn)
- 6:30 p.m. Baby Show (McCauley Bldg)
- 7 p.m. Lawn Tractor Pull (Track)

TUESDAY, JULY 16

\$10 GATE FEE

- 10 a.m. Open 4-H/FFA Boer & Dairy Goat Show (Barn) Register by 9 a.m.
- 6 p.m. Beef Show (Barn) (On Ground by 5p.m.)
- 7 p.m. Miss Teen HC Pageant (McCauley Bldg)
- 7 p.m. Tractor Tug Pull (Track)
- 7:30 p.m. Josh Yarber
Working Dog Demonstration (Center)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

\$10 GATE FEE

- 5:30 p.m. Poultry Show (Barn)
- 6 p.m. Miss Pre-Teen Pageant (McCauley Bldg)
- 7 p.m. Tractor Tug Pull (Track)
- 8 p.m. ADULT Powers Wheels Demo Derby (Center)

Carnival Rides
July 15-20



THURSDAY, JULY 18

\$10 GATE FEE

- 9 a.m. Land Judging
- 10 a.m. Sunshine Day
(Elders, Disabilities, Sensitivities)
- 1 p.m. 4-H Tractor Driving Contest
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Show (McCauley Bldg)
- 7 p.m. KITPA Sanction Pull (Track)
- 7 p.m. 4th Annual Pedal Tractor Pull (Center)
- 8 p.m. Family Fun Night (Center)

FRIDAY, JULY 19

\$10 GATE FEE

- 9 a.m. HC Farm Bureau
Country Ham Breakfast (McCauley Bldg)
- 6:30 p.m. YOUTH Power Wheels Demo Derby (Center)
- 7 p.m. Battle Of Bluegrass Pull (Track)
- 9 p.m. Greased Pig Contest (Center)

SATURDAY, JULY 20

\$10 GATE FEE

- 5 p.m. Rabbit Show (McCauley Bldg)
- 7 p.m. Pony Pull (Lower Barn)
- 7 p.m. Tractor Speed Pull (Track)
- 8 p.m. CONCERT Sam L Smith (Center)
- 9:30 p.m. Greased Pig Contest (Center)

SATURDAY, JULY 27

\$10 GATE FEE

- 6:30 p.m. Cornhole Tournament (McCauley Bldg)
- 7 p.m. ATV, Bike, Truck Drag Racing (Track)
- 7 p.m. Annual Youth Rodeo (Center)

Gates open at 4 p.m. daily
Exhibit Halls open at 6 p.m. daily
Carnival begins at 6 p.m. July 15-20

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For more information visit: www.harrisoncokyfair.com

MONEY FOR FARM IMPROVEMENTS



KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Eligible Investment Areas:

- Agricultural Diversification
- AgTech & Leadership Development
- Large Animal - Small Animal
- Farm Infrastructure
- Fencing & On-Farm Water
- Forage & Grain Improvement
- Innovative Ag. Systems
- On-Farm Energy
- Poultry & Other Fowl
- Value Added & Marketing

Administered by
Harrison County Beef Cattle Association
668 New Lair Road
Cynthiana, KY 41031
(859) 234-5510

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

****MUST BE A KENTUCKY RESIDENT TO APPLY****

Applications are available for Harrison County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important farm investments.

Application Period:
June 24 to July 15, 2024

No applications will be accepted before June 24 or after July 15

CAIP Informational Meeting will be held on July 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Harrison County Extension Office.

Application Availability:
Harrison County Extension Office
Monday – Friday (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

For More Information:
Contact HC Extension at (859) 234-5510 or email lindakstubbs55@gmail.com

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

CAIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

This years CAIP informational meeting will be held on July 2, 2024, at 7 PM at the HC Extension Office. An educational component will be provided.



Scan this QR code with your camera on your phone to check out the guidelines and eligible investment areas for 2024.

Community Corner
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Spanish Resources



MCTC



LIBRARY



HC EXTENSION



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.



Harrison County Cooperative Extension—Horticulture



Check out Hort Culture, the local, weekly, horticulture podcast!



Harrison County Extension Presents: 2ND ANNUAL GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST

How to Participate:

- Starting Monday, June 3, Harrison County residents can pick up free Giant Pumpkin seeds at the Harrison County Extension Office (668 New Lair Road)
- Take home seeds and grow your giant pumpkin!
- **Friday, October 25th** between **11:00 - 1:00** and **4:30 - 6:30**, pumpkins will be weighed-in downtown Cynthiana and stay on display through Halloween.
- **Winners will be announced Friday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m.**
- Pumpkins can be picked up on Friday, November 1 (Time TBD)



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Watering Plants During the Hot Summer Months

Over the summer we are likely to deal with hot, humid temperatures and periods with little to no rain. During these times, proper watering of gardens, flowers, trees, and shrubs is very important. Most of our plants prefer to have 1 inch of water per week. When we have rain, that is very helpful, but in the summer, it is quite common to have to substitute water. I often get asked, when is the best time of day to water? The answer to that is early morning. This allows the plants to go into the day fully hydrated and better prepared for the hot temperatures and it also helps to keep the water from evaporating too quickly, before the plants can take it up. Obviously, early morning watering doesn't work for everyone's schedule, so sometimes you just have to do the best you can!

Watering in the evening is not recommended. The water doesn't have time to be used or evaporate before the cooler nighttime temperatures come, and that environment can lead to increased fungal growth and rot on plants.

The key to proper watering is to water deeply, but infrequently. One of my favorite methods for watering gardens or flower beds is to use a soaker hose. This looks like a regular garden hose, but it has perforations in it, and when you hook it up to a spicket, the water goes through and gently trickles throughout all those little holes. This allows you to water slowly and at the base of the plant, where your water will be going directly to the root system. These soaker hoses can be found in about any garden section of stores and I highly recommend them. You can place them out at the beginning of the season and remove them after each watering, or keep them there for the season, just hooking them up when they need to be used.

One final thought is to only water when it is needed. In the summertime, we don't usually have to overthink it, if in doubt in the hot temps, it usually needs water! But it is always a good idea to do a finger test before watering. Place your finger down into the soil and if the tip of your finger reaches a damp area, you are usually okay to wait on the watering. However, if the soil is dry all the way to your fingertip, it's time to give it a drink! Good luck this summer and happy gardening!



Blackberry Basil Grilled Cheese

1 ½ cups fresh blackberries
12-14 fresh basil leaves, chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil

8 slices of multigrain bread
4 slices cheese, such as
Munster

In a large bowl, **mash** blackberries and basil with a fork. **Heat** an electric griddle or large skillet over medium-low heat. **Sprinkle** griddle or skillet with olive oil. **Place** bread on skillet. **Add** a slice of cheese and blackberry mixture. **Place** a second piece of bread on top of cheese and blackberries. **Cook** 3-5 minutes on one side. **Flip. Cook** 3-5 minutes or

until both sides are brown and cheese has melted.

Serves: 4 sandwiches

Nutritional Analysis:

250 calories, 15 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 20 mg cholesterol, 310 mg sodium, 23 g carbohydrate, 8 g fiber, 4 g sugar, 12 g protein