

McLean County Extension NEWSLETTER

Nov. 2025

 Martin-Gatton
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment

Farm to Fork

**FIELDS OF TIME: A TRIBUTE TO
MCLEAN COUNTY FARMERS**



Join the McLean County Extension in Celebrating Local Farmers
Location: Myer Creek Park
Date: December 2nd, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM

A DONATION OF \$25 WILL ALLOW YOU TO JOIN US
FOR A WONDERFUL MEAL! ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
GODS HOUSE OF HOPE!

WE WILL START TAKING DONATIONS ON OCT 20TH 2025

270-273-3690
335 WEST 7TH STREET CALHOUN KY 42327

What's Going On FSC?

**Friendship: 11-10
BGG 11-13**



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Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.

Whats Going On Ag?

Farm to Fork

Dec 2nd 6PM @ Myer
Creek Park

Choretronics Training

Dec 9th 8-Noon

ROTEM Training

DEC: TBD

Young Farmer's Academy

Dec 11th 8-Noon

Must RSVP for all 270-273-3690



QUILT SHOW

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026
12- 5 PM

FREE QUILT ENTRY
\$5 ADMISSION

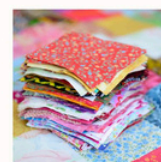
(CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE)
2590 RICHMOND STREET
MOUNT VERNON, KY 40456

Apply at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLPHS8H>

For more information call (606) 256-1000

\$100
CASH
PRIZE



CHORETRONICS CONTROLLER TRAINING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FAR-MOR



DEC 9

8:00AM-12:00PM

MR. JIM ROSE

MEAL PROVIDED
LIMIT 30 PARTICIPANTS

McLEAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

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ROTEM CONTROLLER TRAINING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: FAR-MOR &
DIVERSIFIED



Dec. 4th
8:00-Noon

**Presenter:
Randy Davis**

MEAL PROVIDED



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YOUNG FARMER'S ACADEMY

ALL ARE WELCOME



**Ben Hayden, McLean
County Ag Agent is hosting
and excited for this event.**

**DECEMBER 11
8:00 - NOON**

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING
THE MCLEAN COUNTY
EXTENSION
270-273-3690



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Presenters:

**Jeff Hagan, Waters Lab – “Managing Soils
for Profitability”**

**Ronan Cummins, Agronomy One –
“Innovative Tools for Success”**

**Kierston Wise, UK Plant Pathologist –
“Optimal Fungicide Applications”**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

McLean County Extension is an equal opportunity
organization.



**CAIP Applications Due November 30,
2025**

Before submitting, be sure your packet
includes:

- County Agent signature
- Copy of utility bill addressed to verify Kentucky residence
- Class date(s) and presenter(s) listed
- Water Quality Plan form completed (available at the McLean County Extension Office)
- Itemized receipts / proof of payment
- Photos of completed project (if applicable)

Questions?



**Contact Stacy Marksberry –
grabig@bellsouth.net**



As harvest season is coming to an end, soil testing should be considered. With 2025 yields being lower than average, there will be residual nutrients carried over. Realizing reduced yields, lower than normal commodity markets, and increasing input costs; every financial benefit should be utilized. Sufficient soil test levels are one variable we as producers can influence. In stressful conditions, corn and soybeans are more likely to produce near optimal yields when needed nutrients are readily available. Soil samples should be collected 4" deep in no-till production. In conventional-till, samples should be collected as deep as the soil was cultivated.

Samples can be dropped off at the McLean County Extension office for analysis.

CAIP Completion Seminar



Online CAIP
CLASS

Join our Ag Agent on November 21st from 8 AM to noon to finalize your CAIP applications! This seminar will assist you in completing all the last details of the filing process, including the water quality plan and filling out the form itself. This will be your final opportunity to receive personalized assistance in the office before the deadline of November 30th! Be sure to attend to ensure everything is accurate and ready to go!

FCS NEWS

KEHA 2026 STATE MEETING



KEHA 2026 State Meeting — Save the Date!
May 12–14, 2026 • Hyatt Regency Lexington
401 West High Street, Lexington, KY 40507
Theme: “Hooray!! KEHA!”
Host Area: Bluegrass Area
Lodging
Hyatt Regency Lexington — Room block now open
Rate: \$155 + tax (1–4 guests per room)
Phone Reservations: 800–233–1234 •

Group Code: G-KEH1 Reservation
Deadline for Conference Rate: April 13, 2026
Cancellation Policy: Cancel at least 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid a no-show charge.
Booking for multiple people who need separate receipts? Please make a shared reservation and provide all names and payment details during booking or at check-in.
Check-in: 4:00 PM • Check-out: 11:00 AM
Learning Session Proposals
Form: “Learning Session Proposal Form (2026)” (fillable PDF)
Due: October 15 (submit to both addresses below)
Email 1st Vice President Ann Porter at alport1941@gmail.com and copy Kelly May at k.may@uky.edu (Note: the manual lists a different email—please use both emails above when submitting.)
Registration
General attendee registration opens in 2026. Please check back for details.
We hope you'll join us in Lexington!

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4-H News!

Ag Safety Day

On October 9, 2025, fourth graders in McLean County participated in Ag Safety Day at Myer Creek Park, learning essential safety skills through hands-on activities. They rotated through stations on lawnmower and ATV safety, power line safety, and emergency response, while interacting with local first responders and agricultural professionals. The day featured a lunch provided by the McLean County Cattlemen's Association and each student received a t-shirt from Hilltop Farms. The event was made possible by local partners and the McLean County Extension Service, ensuring a successful and educational experience that left students with valuable life-saving knowledge.



Fall Break Classes!

The fall break classes were a blast! Mrs. Lana, our 4-H program superstar, had the kids whipping up acrylic masterpieces while sneaking in some painting wizardry tips. Bonus: their creations are fair entry ready!

Later, Mrs. Lana switched gears to 3D printing, just in time for a Halloween monster painting spree. This project was a double whammy, teaching the wonders of STEM and showing how 3D printed magic can be used in everyday life!





DONUTS & WATERCOLORS!

WATERCOLOR CLASS
LANDSCAPES FOR 4-H KIDS

NOVEMBER 8

9-10AM

RSVP 270-273-3690



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PAPER COLLAGE

ALL 4-H FAIR READY!

JANUARY 10

9-10AM

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WIRE SCULPTURE

ALL 4-H FAIR READY!

FEBRUARY 7

9-10AM



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4-H CAMP!



July 13th-17th 2026!

We are thrilled to share the camp dates with you! Camp offers an incredible opportunity for kids to have a fun filled week while also learning, making friends, and developing lifelong skills. We would greatly appreciate your feedback about the camp. Please scan the QR code to complete a brief form regarding your thoughts!



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