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#### Strengthening Family Relationships during the Holidays

**Source:** Kerri Ashurst, Senior Extension Specialist for Family and Relationship Development, University of Kentucky; College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

There is no better time to strengthen the most important relationships in your life than the holiday season! Holidays can be very busy and stressful, but they can also be opportunities to celebrate life with the people you love. Here are some ideas for strengthening family relationships during the holidays.

#### 1. Shift your focus from what has to be done to what you want to experience with the people you care

**about.** So many things around the holiday season have to be done. It can make the holidays feel like one big giant obligation. Shift your attitude from obligation to your hopes for your family during the holidays. It may surprise you how much a shift in focus can do!

2. Make your goal clear. Let your family know that your No. 1 goal is to strengthen your family during the holiday season. Use language that makes it something everyone will want to do rather than something people feel forced to do. Communicate your goals for how you plan to strengthen relationships with each member of your family. When you communicate that you care about people and tell



them they are your No. 1 priority, it can be amazing how they will respond!

3. **Practice self-care.** We are happiest and most likely to have positive exchanges with our families when we are taking proper care of ourselves. Get enough rest and eat regular meals. Do something you enjoy or have wanted to do and take a little "me time." You will surprise yourself when you realize how much more positive your family interactions can be after you have taken some time to care for yourself!

4. **Put down the technology and focus on each other!** We all spend too much time on computers, iPads, smart phones and other technologies. The best way to strengthen family relationships is to do something together and focus on each other. Play a fun family board game. Volunteer at a food pantry or nursing home as a family. Bake your favorite dessert together. Tell jokes together. It does not matter what you are doing, just do it together!

5. **Spend time reflecting together as a family.** What are your favorite memories from past holidays? What traditions are important to your family? How can we

work together as a family to keep a focus on the positive? How can we work as a family to reduce stress? Sharing these reflections can help to reduce future conflict and feel better understood.

References: Brain Pathways (2013). Strengthening Relationships during the Holidays. Brain Pathways Blog. Available at <u>https:// blog.brainpathways.net/2013/10/22/</u> strengthening-relationships-during-the-holidays-2/.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS! The Extension Office will be Closed December 25 thru January 1

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Lunch Bunch

#### **ATTENTION** Homemakers...

#### **Medicine Bottle Collection Event** Continues

The medicine bottles will be donated to Rose Garden Mission. Any medicine bottle that has the label removed can be used and must be washed and



dried. Thus far, 238 bottles have been given to Rose Garden and we would also like to donate some to Matthew 25 Ministries. Bottles will be collected at club meetings or you can drop them in the collection box in the front entry of the Extension Office thru the end of February. We collected 360 bottles last year and it would be great if we could top that number this year.

Thanks in advance for your participation and help!

#### **Renew Your** HOMEMAKER **MEMBERSHIP** for 2025

#### **Homemaker Membership Dues**

Whether you are a current member of a Homemaker club or a mailbox member, you can renew your membership for 2025. Complete this Membership Form. Annual Dues is \$10.00. Make your check payable to: **County Extension** Homemakers and send the check/ money order to: Marcia Kerby, 372 Shadow **Ridge, Cold** Spring, KY 41076 by December 1, **2024.** *Remember* that Homemaker memberships make a great gift for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Think of your family and friends who would benefit from joining the Homemakers!

#### **2025 Membership Form**

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#### **Annual Membership fee: \$10.00**

Make check payable to:

Campbell County Extension Homemakers Association

• Yes, I would like to donate \$ .00 to the Campbell County Homemakers Scholarship Fund.

#### Mail this form with payment to: Campbell County Extension Homemakers Association c/o Marcia Kerby 372 Shadow Ridge Cold Spring, KY 41076

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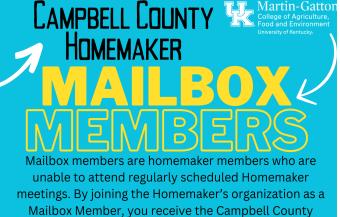
Thank you to Karen Hogan for teaching about royal icing and showing us techniques at our Valley Club meeting. We had fun icing and decorating your cookies as a Santa—they and the cake were delicious! Yum!



Crazy Quilters is for members to meet together and bring their quilting, crocheting, or knitting to work with others working on similar projects. They get to share ideas, give support, and help each other as they work. It is an opportunity to learn new skills and techniques from each other. Two retreats are planned each year at Blue Lick State Park, usually in the spring and fall, as a time to get away and create without any distractions. A quilt vendor is on-site at the retreat for needed supplies, fabrics, and new projects.

Time: 10am (check newsletter) Meeting Location: Campbell County Contact: Linda Booth (859)620-0262 Contact: Linda Booth (859)620-0262 Nutries and the second se





Mailbox Member, you receive the Campbell County Extension newsletter and any updates or flyers that contain information about upcoming programs and events. You are able to partcipate in any Homemaker

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#### You Are Not Alone: Coping With Grief Triggers During the Holidays

Source: Amy Kostelic, Associate Extension Professor, Adult Development and Aging Specialist at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.



Grief is the complex reaction to loss that can often be intense and overwhelming. Although the experience of grief is unique to each person, it can often be emotional, physical and spiritual.

A flood of emotions may arise when we remember special moments or significant events in our lives. It is normal to feel a varying degree of grief when reminded of loss. Particular times that might trigger grief reactions include birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and death dates. Even attending a funeral or memorial service for others can trigger the pains of loss.

Grief is unpredictable and triggers that connect you to a loved one are everywhere, including smells, sights and sounds. Traditions and even new events that you think your loved ones would have enjoyed can trigger a grief reaction. Your grief may pass quickly, or it may linger for days or longer. To help you cope with grief triggers, in can be helpful to:

**Prepare and plan.** Turn dates into celebrations or a time for healing. Surround yourself with distractions in anticipation of a difficult anniversary.

**Permit yourself to feel the emotions.** It is OK to allow yourself to laugh and cry.

**Reflect on your memories.** Tell stories, write or find ways to communicate that are most comfortable to you.

**Create a tradition.** Use the date for a special remembrance or celebration.

**Reach out for support.** Don't go through grief alone. Reach out to friends, family, professionals and/or support groups.

Volunteer your time to a cause. Connect to a specific cause or organization meaningful to you and/or your loved one.

Remember that grief is not a sign of a weakness or a setback. Rather, it is a reflection of what's important to you—we all grieve, and you are not alone.

Contact the Campbell County Extension office for more resources, tips and information.



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-- UK Office of Institutional Equity and Equal Opportunity, 13 Main Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0032, or

-- US Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

#### Helpful Hints for a Successful and Safe Thanksgiving

Source: Brooke Jenkins-Howard, Extension Specialist

am is available in many variations which makes it a popular meat to serve at holiday gatherings. If you are in the market to purchase a ham, you might see terms such as fresh, canned, cook before eating, fully cooked, smoked and country written on the package. With all of these terms, it can be unclear how best to choose and prepare a ham that is safe, delicious, and something your family will enjoy.

Fresh ham is an uncured leg of pork. Fresh ham is similar in flavor and appearance to fresh pork loin. Fresh ham must always be cooked.

Cured ham is the addition of salt, sodium or potassium nitrate, sugars, flavorings and other additives to the meat. Curing is used for preservation, tenderization, and color and flavor enhancement. Cured hams are usually pink in color.

Fresh and cured hams can be purchased smoked. This process allows the ham to absorb the smokiness from smoldering fires. This adds additional

flavor and color to the meat. Smoked hams can come either cooked or cookbefore-eating.

Fully cooked hams can be eaten cold, right out of the package. Fully cooked hams are available in whole or halves, or vacuumed packaged. Spiral-cut ham is an example of a cooked ham that is safe to eat cold. In fact, reheating spiral cut hams can cause the meat to dry out and

the glaze to run off the meat, so if reheating be sure to cover with heavy aluminum foil.

Country hams can be soaked in water in the refrigerator for four to 12 hours or longer to reduce the salt content before cooking. Cook country hams by boiling 20 to 25 minutes per pound. Then, drain, glaze and brown in the oven at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 minutes.

Hopefully, this information has carved up the facts on ham and made it easier to understand how to choose and prepare a type that is right for your family. For more information, contact your County Extension Office.

**Reference:** United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service. Ham and food safety. Retrieved from https:// www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/ d1df4c79-ad2b-4dd4-a802-ed78cd14409d/ Ham\_and\_Food\_Safety.pdf?MOD=AJPERES.

Hams that must be cooked will bear noticeable cooking instructions and safe-handling instructions on the package. Cookbefore-eating hams must be cooked to at least 145 degrees Fahrenheit as measured with a food thermometer. Allow the ham to rest at least three minutes before carving. For personal preference reasons, some consumers might choose to cook meat to higher temperatures. As a guideline, use this table for approximate cooking times:

Cook-Before-Eating Hams	Weight	Approximate Cooking Time Per
Whole Ham, Bone-In	10 to 14 lbs.	18 to 20 minutes
Half Ham, Bone-In	5 to 7 lbs.	22 to 25 minutes
Shank or Butt	3 to 4 lbs.	35 to 40 minutes
Whole Fresh Ham	12 to 16 lbs.	22 to 26 minutes
Half Fresh Ham Leg,	5 to 8 lbs.	35 to 40 minutes
Whole Fresh Ham	10 to 14 lbs.	24 to 28 minutes

If desired, all fully cooked hams can be heated to 140 degrees Fahrenheit before serving. As a guideline, use this table for approximate cooking times:

Fully Cooked Hams	Weight	Approximate Cooking Time Per Pound
Whole Ham, Bone-	10 to 14 lbs.	15 to 18 minutes
Half Ham, Bone-In	5 to 7 lbs.	18 to 24 minutes
Canned, Boneless	3 to 10 lbs.	15 to 20 minutes
Vacuum Packed, Boneless	6 to 12 lbs.	10 to 15 minutes
Spiral Ham	7 to 9 lbs.	10 to 18 minutes



ADULT HEALTH BULLETIN



#### DECEMBER 2024

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#### THIS MONTH'S TOPIC AVOID WINTER HEALTH RISKS



s winter approaches, temperatures continue to fall and daylight hours diminish. For many, it seems like there are more tasks to complete and less time to complete them. It is easy to understand how keeping up with your health can be tricky this time of year. Research has shown that illnesses increase in the winter, as do injuries related to the cold. There are many things people can do to prioritize their health that do not take lots of extra time, money, or effort.

People spend more time indoors during this time of year, escaping bad weather and attending gatherings with family and friends. Here's how you can protect yourself from extra germs:

- Get a flu shot at least 2 weeks before big gatherings,
- Talk to your doctor about vaccines to protect against RSV, pneumococcal disease, and pneumonia,
- Wash your hands when you get home, every time,

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#### **Cough or sneeze**

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instead of your hands.



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- Add a small container of hand sanitizer to your vehicle or purse, and/or
- Cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow, instead of your hands.

In the winter, the air is often drier, which can cause problems for people's skin. You can test the level of moisture in your home with a hygrometer, or air moisture meter. If dry air affects you, try these things:

- Use skin moisturizer with an oil base to prevent evaporation.
- Avoid hot showers; try lukewarm water instead.
- Use a humidifier inside to replace moisture in the air.

People are often home more during cold months as well. While we want our homes to provide warmth and comfort to our loved ones, we do not want to harbor disease. Remind all household members to pitch in and help keep your home healthy:

- Clean high-touch surfaces (door knobs, countertops, handles, and remotes) on a regular basis with a disinfecting cleaner.
- Do not share items for eating like utensils or cups, or personal care items like toothbrushes, face towels, or washcloths.
- Keep your distance from family members who are sick, and wash your hands frequently if you are caregiving for a sick family member.

Extreme cold, snow, and ice can cause extra health concerns. Plan ahead and be prepared for worsening weather conditions:

- Dress for the weather keep gloves and a hat with your coat.
- Pace yourself with outdoor chores in the cold.
- Wear shoes with grips or thick tread in the snow and ice.
- Keep a blanket and hand warmers in your vehicle for emergencies.

Older adults and young children in particular are at a greater risk for hypothermia, when body temperature gets too low. As people age, bodies become less able to regulate temperature and retain heat. Even temperatures well above freezing can cause hypothermia for some people. Signs of hypothermia include blue or purple lips, fingers or toes, and stiffness in the neck, arms, and legs. Call 911 if you suspect someone is suffering from hypothermia.

#### **REFERENCE:**

How does cold weather affect your health? Harvard Health. (2014, November 13). https://www.health.harvard.edu/stayinghealthy/how-does-cold-weather-affect-your-health



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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.

#### **GOING VIRAL**

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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#### A Laugh and Learn Playdate

Flower Buds meet for story time, tours of our educational gardens, an engaging activity for the child and parent or relative to make together and a light snack.



Family Time for preschoolers (age 3-5). Older children are also welcome to join with prior notification.

Space is limited to 15 children plus 1 parent or relative.

Registration for each class is required **859-572-2600** or online at campbell.ca.uky.edu



#### 2025 Flower Buds Schedule:

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m

- □ Thursday, February 6
- Thursday, March 6
- Thursday, April 3
- Thursday, May 1
- ☐ Thursday, June 5

#### Location:

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#### If you have questions, please contact Kate Thompson or Terri Turner.

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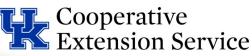
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#### January 23, 2025 1:00 p.m.

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#### Location:

Boone County Enrichment Center 1824 Patrick Drive Burlington, KY 41005

Registration required: Call: (859) 586-6101 Online: https://boone.ca.uky.edu/events

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## FAMILY BONDING

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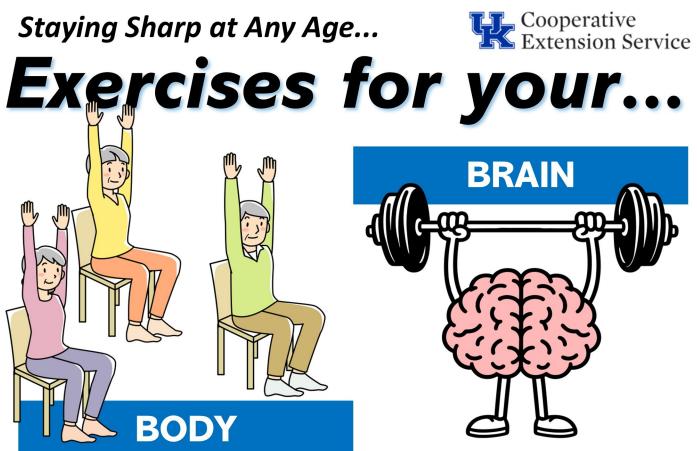
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Simply put, coming together and learning new things is good for your physical AND mental health! Join us for this program to engage in some simple exercises and guided challenging puzzles. Learn what you can do in your daily life to keep your brain and body healthy while interacting with others.



Wits Workout is a program developed by University of Illinois Extension An Interactive Brain Health Program

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Exercise program Developed by the Arthritis Exercise Association Did you know that social connectedness and intellectual engagement are two lifestyle factors that contribute to your brain's health?

When: Tuesdays, January 14 - March 4 (8 weeks, plan to attend at least six sessions)

**Time:** 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Where: Campbell County Extension 3500 Alexandria Pike Highland Heights, KY 41076

Register: (859) 572-2600 or https://campbell.ca.uky.edu

Led by: Kate Thompson Campbell County Cooperative Extension Agent

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Learn tips and tricks making your gift wrapping stand out this holiday season! Bring gifts, wrapping paper, ribbon and any other accessories you want to use!

## **December 10th** 1:30 pm

Limited to 25 participants

At the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Office

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#### Call the Campbell County Extension office at 859-572-2600 to register.

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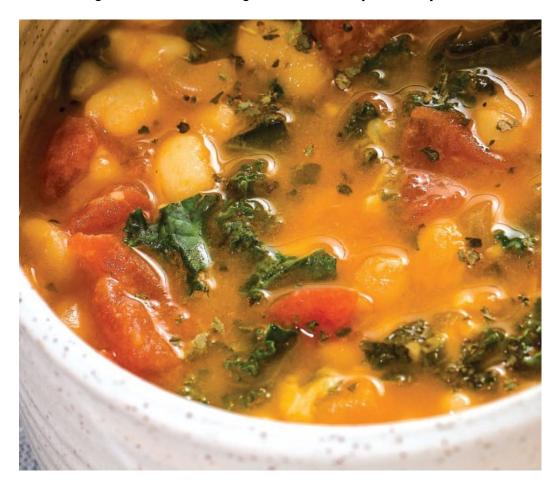




#### **10-MINUTE BEAN SOUP**

Servings: Makes 4

Serving Size: 1/4 of recipe Recipe Cost: \$6.52 Cost per Serving: \$1.63



#### Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup onion, finely chopped
- 2 (15.8 ounce) cans of great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano
- 1 (14 ounce) can lowsodium vegetable or chicken broth
- 4 cups kale, torn into small pieces
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup grated Parmesan cheese

#### Directions:

- 1. In a medium saucepan, heat oil over medium heat and sauté garlic and onion for 3 minutes or until onion is tender.
- 2. Add beans, tomatoes and broth to saucepan. Stir and simmer for 5 minutes. Add kale and cook until tender, for about 2 minutes.
- 3. Mix in lemon juice and Parmesan cheese just before serving. Optional, garnish with finely chopped fresh basil or dried basil.

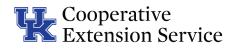
#### Notes:

Cooked, dried beans may be substituted for canned beans. Using prepared dry beans in place of canned will reduce sodium in this dish. If you can't find diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano, use regular diced tomatoes and add dried versions of these seasonings.

#### Nutrition facts per serving:

400 calories; 8g total fat; 2.5g saturated fat; 0g trans fat; 10mg cholesterol; 500mg sodium; 62g carbohydrate; 15g fiber; 4g sugar; 24g protein; 140% Daily Value of vitamin A; 160% Daily Value of vitamin C; 40% Daily Value of calcium; 30% Daily Value of iron.

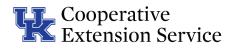
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### **December 2024**



Campbell County Cooperative Extension Homemakers Association							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	<ul> <li>Holiday Painting Class w/Debbie Hyson - 1:30pm</li> <li>Lunch Bunch - 11am</li> </ul>	4	5 • Flowerbuds Program - 10am	6	7	
8	9 • Valley Homemaker Meeting - 10:30 at Shadow Lake Clubhouse. Call Pam to register.	10 • Holiday Gift Wrapping Program - 1:30pm	11	12	13 Don't forget Homemaker	14 to renew your lemberhip	
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12	13	<ul> <li>14</li> <li>Exercise for your Body &amp; Brain Program -1:30pm</li> <li>Valley Homemaker Meeting - Jan. 14 - 10am. Guest Speaker; Call Pam to register.</li> </ul>	15	16	17	18
19	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY Extension Closed	21 • Exercise for your Body & Brain Program - 1:30pm	22 • Area Homemaker Council Meeting - 1:00pm <i>Boone County Extension</i>	23 • The Artful Palette Program - 1:00pm <i>Boone County Extension</i>	24	25
26	27	28 • Exercise for your Body & Brain Program - 1:30pm	29	30	31	