

Winter/Spring 2020

The Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline

Recovery is possible. Speak to someone 24/7 about your treatment options. 859/415-9280

The Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy provides resources to individuals and families regarding substance use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline. The Helpline consists of trained, professional and compassionate staff who are knowledgeable in navigating local treatment services and resources to assist callers. Services offered by the Helpline include:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Treatment placement assistance
- Casey's Law support
- Linkage to recovery and reentry services
- Diversion and Quick Response Team (QRT) support

For more information about the Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline and the Northern Kentucky Health Department, see page 2.





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Northern Kentucky Health Department

Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline, continued

The Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline operates with the understanding that substance use disorder is a disease that affects individuals and families. It also impacts the community's health and public safety. According to the Mayo Clinic (2017), a substance use disorder is a disease that affects a person's brain and behavior, and leads to an inability to control the use of a legal or illegal drug, medication, and/ or alcohol. Through this lens, the Helpline provides compassionate, trauma-informed, person-centered care to each caller, understanding that callers and their families have

very complex barriers to substance use treatment and recovery.

The Helpline, through community partnerships, can assist callers with inpatient and outpatient treatment options, often for the same day. The Helpline also works to navigate other barriers callers face, including homelessness, employability, mental and physical health concerns, broken family relationships, and incarceration. Above all, the Helpline believes there is **NO WRONG DOOR INTO TREATMENT.**

The Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline also serves as a regional hub for diversion programs, and provides outreach and support through Pre-Arrest Diversion and Quick Response Teams. Through this initiative, Helpline Care Coordinators partner with local first responders by visiting the homes of those who have overdosed and their families, providing substance use treatment and other resources. These visits give the Helpline the ability to connect community members who are in need of treatment to same day detoxification and inpatient services.

The Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline is funded by Boone, Campbell and Kenton County Fiscal Courts, and St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Oversight of the Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline is provided by the Board of Directors, which is comprised of members from each of the funding entities, staff from the Northern Kentucky Health Department and the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force, and legislative liaison, Kentucky State Representative Kim Moser.

If you or a loved one have questions and/or are in need of treatment services, please call the Northern Kentucky Addiction Helpline at 859/415-9280.

Hepatitis C – Are you at risk?

The Northern Kentucky Health Department recently declared an end to the hepatitis A outbreak affecting our region; however, there is another kind of hepatitis causing concern in our region — hepatitis C. Acute hepatitis C rates in Northern Kentucky (NKY) are among the highest in the nation. NKY makes up 10.3% of Kentucky's population, yet has 36.1% of the hepatitis C cases in the Commonwealth. In 2015, acute hepatitis C rates in NKY were:

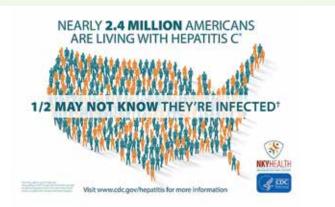
- 3.5 times higher than the rate of the rest of Kentucky
- 11.9 times higher than the rate of the entire United States

Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). Hepatitis C can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks, to a serious, lifelong illness. Approximately 75%- 85% of people who become infected with HCV will develop a chronic infection. The virus is spread by contact with infected blood. Today, most people become infected with HCV by sharing needles or other equipment to prepare or inject drugs. However, people born from 1945-1965 are also at increased risk for hepatitis C.

Liver damage from hepatitis C can be prevented by early diagnosis and timely access to care and treatment. Unlike hepatitis A and B, there is no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C; however, hepatitis C can be treated and cured!

Testing and treatment for hepatitis C

NKY Health has a new program which provides free testing, as well



as referrals for those who need treatment. For a free hepatitis C test, call to make an appointment at your county health center:

> Kenton County Health Center 2002 Madison Ave. Covington, KY 41014 859/431-3345

For more information, a list of free community testing events, or to schedule a community testing event, call 859/363-2090.

For more information on hepatitis C, please visit https://nkyhealth. org/individual-or-family/individualhealth/addiction-response/hepatitis-c/ or https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/.

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Avoiding pipe problems caused by invasive plant species

By Mike Madden SD1 Asset Planning Technician

You probably know that trees and other plants require water and nutrients to grow, but did you know that when the ground lacks moisture, their roots will seek out any other available water source? This can result in roots infiltrating and causing damage to leaking or defective sewer pipes or joints.

Some trees, bushes and plants have a more invasive root system than others, so it's important to know what's growing near private or public sewer infrastructure. Soil condition can also affect how far roots will travel.

A number of factors can help determine if you might have a root issue. First and foremost: the age of the pipes. Sewer systems installed in the early 1900s were typically clay pipes in 3-foot sections mortared together at their joints. Over time, the mortar begins to crack and fall apart. In the 1960s, plumbers began using rubber gaskets when putting pipes together, but that didn't address all root issues. It wasn't until the arrival of PVC that root issues started



to diminish. But even PVC isn't foolproof — root problems can surface if the pipe was installed incorrectly or the joints aren't glued correctly.

Recommended trees and bushes

Regardless of how old your sewer infrastructure is, it is a good idea to stick with trees and bushes that don't have aggressive root systems if planting near sewer infrastructure. The following tree species could pose problems: ash, sweetgum, poplar and cottonwood, oak (usually lowland varieties), locust, willow, basswood, tulip tree, sycamore, and many acer species (red, sugar, Norway, silver maples, and boxelder). The following bush species also have aggressive root systems: boxwood shrubs, holly bushes and shrubs, and ivy plants.

Trees that are typically recommended near pipes include Amur maple, Japanese maple, dogwood, redbud, and fringetree.

Locating water or drainage lines

Of course, before you can determine the best option, you will need to figure out if there are any water or drainage lines on your property. The first thing you can do it survey your property for manhole covers, water meter covers, and cleanout caps (used for inspection and access points for sewage lines). If you suspect you may have some pipes in areas near trees, you can request a map from public utilities or call 811 to have utilities marked. You can view a map of SD1 infrastructure at http://www.sd1.org/ CustomerService/GISMaps.aspx.

If you suspect your pipe could be affected by roots, you can have a plumber run a camera through the pipe to inspect for trouble areas. This service usually costs between \$200 and \$300, which may seem pricey, but keep in mind that if you wait until there is a problem, you may end up with two inches of water in your basement and spend thousands on cleaning and restoration.

A service line inspection will tell you where your line goes and what condition the line is in. This helps to avoid surprises and lets you address small issues before they become big issues.

So to recap — the best way to avoid root issues is to:

- Know where your pipes are and what condition they're in
- Replace old pipes
- Plant trees and bushes that don't have aggressive root systems near pipes, and make sure they have plenty of room to grow.
- If installing new pipe, consider using solid barriers such as plastic, wood, or metal. Chemical barriers such as sulfur, sodium, zinc, borate, salt, or herbicides can also create barriers around pipe.
- If you prefer faster-growing trees and plants, plan to replace them every 8-10 years.

SD1 recognized for innovative collaboration

SD1 has received a Leaders Innovation Forum for Technology (LIFT) Intelligent Water Systems Challenge Award from the Water Environment Federation and Water Research Foundation for supporting innovative excellence in intelligent water system practices and promoting meaningful opportunities for fostering the adoption of smart water technologies.

The award was the result of an international research competition

in which SD1 partnered with APTIM, Covington-based technology firm Global Quality Corp. (GQC), the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSDGC) and Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

The team, led by GQC President Dr. Sudhir Kshirsagar, evaluated how next-generation telemetry communications, 3-D printing and sensors found in household appliances can be combined with cloud computing to provide wastewater utilities with low-cost remote sensing alternatives to monitoring sewer overflows and water quality conditions during wet weather events.

The prototype sensors developed by the team are being refined by GQC based upon the team's initial findings and will be tested in real sewer conditions in the near future by SD1. In the meantime, the research will be presented by Dr. Kshirsagar at the World Environmental & Water Resources Congress in May 2020.



Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday: 8 am-4:30 pm www.sd1.org

St. Elizabeth to become a national leader in Integrative Oncology

St. Elizabeth Healthcare announced a partnership with doTERRA International, an integrative health and wellness company and the world leader in the global aromatherapy and essential oils market. doTERRA will play a foundational role in the development and implementation of the forthcoming Center for Integrative Oncology within St. Elizabeth's new Cancer Center in Edgewood opening in the fall of 2020.

"When the St. Elizabeth Cancer Center opens next fall, it will include nearly an entire floor of the building that is dedicated to the holistic, patient-centered approach to care known as integrative oncology," said Garren Colvin, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth. "We want patients (and their caregivers) to have as much support and access to resources as possible under one roof."

The doTERRA Center for Integrative Oncology will have more than 8,400 square feet on the first floor of the St. Elizabeth Cancer Center. The Center will provide a calming space with holistic care options to complement St. Elizabeth Healthcare's comprehensive medical care, including the use of doTERRA essential oils and aromatherapy, yoga, meditation and a spa-like atmosphere for patients undergoing cancer treatment. Experts at St. Elizabeth will also conduct clinical trials related to complementary and alternative medicine, providing evidence-based options that may help patients better manage symptoms.

"Our priority at St. Elizabeth is to offer the highest quality care and comfort to our patients and their loved ones," said Dr. Doug Flora, executive medical director of oncology services at St. Elizabeth. "Adding supplemental resources will help improve the quality of life for our patients and families as they are going through diagnosis, treatment and into survivorship."



Artist rendering of the forthcoming doTERRA Center for Integrative Oncology within St. Elizabeth Healthcare's new Cancer Center.

doTERRA first learned of the St. Elizabeth Cancer Center from one of its wellness advocates who was a former patient of Dr. Flora and is now a cancer survivor. Inspired by St. Elizabeth Healthcare's personal and integrative approach to medicine, which aligns with doTERRA's philosophy and focus on wellness and addressing the needs of the whole person, doTERRA made a generous donation of \$5 million to the St. Elizabeth Foundation Cancer Center Community Campaign the largest donation ever received by the Foundation. This donation symbolizes the start of a synergistic partnership between the two organizations.

Expansion of stroke and brain tumor care

Mayfield Brain & Spine, the region's largest independent neurosurgical physician group, is expanding its clinical partnership with St. Elizabeth Healthcare to provide more complex interventional stroke and brain tumor services in Northern Kentucky.

The expanded service will allow St. Elizabeth to provide interventional endovascular services, such as endovascular thrombectomy (EVT). EVT is a specialized surgical procedure to remove a blood clot from the brain during an acute ischemic stroke. Studies have shown EVT is the most effective treatment for saving lives and minimizing the risk of disability. Mayfield is dedicated to advancing brain, spine and stroke care and is a national leader in medical research for new and innovative treatment methods.

Mayfield endovascular neurosurgeons will work collaboratively with a team of neurologists and neuroradiologists to provide comprehensive stroke care. St. Elizabeth Edgewood will serve as an advanced stroke center and provide support to St. Elizabeth Florence, Ft. Thomas, Covington and Grant. St. Elizabeth will work with The Joint Commission to elevate the Stroke Center designation at Edgewood from a Primary Stroke Center to a Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center.

As part of the expanded clinical partnership, Mayfield and St. Elizabeth are collaborating to enhance the diagnosis and treatment of adult patients with primary and metastatic brain tumors. The team includes physician and nurse specialists in neurosurgery, medical neuro-oncology, radiation oncology, neuro-pathology, and a fellowship-trained neuro-oncologist. This partnership gives patients and their loved ones a broader support staff to assure they receive the care they need.

Family Birth Place now offers concierge services for new moms and their guests

St. Elizabeth has partnered with Best Upon Request (BEST), a national provider of on-site concierge services, to further assist, comfort and give peace of mind to families during childbirth at the Family Birth Place on its Edgewood campus. This free concierge service will lend a hand to new moms, dads and guests all the way through their journey, saving them time and complimenting St. Elizabeth Healthcare's goal to provide the region's premier delivery experience. St. Elizabeth is dedicated to providing the highest quality care to expectant mothers and the babies they're preparing to welcome into the world, and that extends even beyond their healthcare needs.

BEST's concierge team addresses the non-medical needs of moms and eases additional stressors for dads, family members and guests so they can focus on their new baby. BEST can run errands on and off the hospital campus, shop for personal items, plan a baby shower, schedule newborn photos and much more. Support spans the patient's entire time at the Family Birth Place — throughout pregnancy, through their hospital stay and discharge, to post-discharge follow ups.

Susan McDonald, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of St. Elizabeth Edgewood, Covington and Grant, said, "When it comes time for a mother to have her baby at our Family Birth Place, we want their care to be the only focus for her and her family. That's why we've partnered with Best Upon Request. While our physicians and associates concentrate on the health of mom and baby, the concierge team can



help mom, dad, grandparents and any other guest with all the other things for which they may not have time. This is yet one more way St. Elizabeth is giving our patients the best experience in the region."

St. Elizabeth named Best Hospital by U.S. News and World Report

U.S. News & World Report released its annual Best Hospitals rankings. St. Elizabeth Edgewood has been named a best hospital in the recent rankings, climbing to #2 overall in the state of Kentucky. Now in its 30th year, the rankings recognize hospitals that excel in treating the most challenging patients.

The Best Hospitals specialty rankings assess hospital performance in 16 specialties. The process is represented by two factors. One is a hospital's ability to develop and sustain a system that delivers high-quality care as determined by the surveys of board-certified physicians, and the other is overall patient experience.

"We have always placed emphasis on delivering excellent overall patient experiences by providing high quality care," said Garren Colvin, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare. "Being named second overall in the state of Kentucky is a prestigious honor which exemplifies outstanding and extraordinary performance by St. Elizabeth's physicians, associates, and volunteers."

The measures to be ranked include hospital volume, nurse staffing and other resources that define the hospital environment. The data source used for most measures is the American Hospital Association annual survey. Additional resources include the National Cancer Institute's list of NIH-designated cancer centers and the American Nurses Credentialing Center's roster of Nurse Magnet hospitals.

U.S. News publishes Best Hospitals to help guide patients who need a high level of care because they face a particularly difficult surgery, a challenging condition, or added risk because of other health problems or age. Objective measures such as patient survival and safety data, the adequacy of nurse staffing levels and other data largely determined the rankings in most specialties.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare



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St. Elizabeth Edgewood 1 Medical Village Dr. Edgewood, KY 41017 859/301-2000 **St. Elizabeth Florence** 4900 Houston Rd. Florence, KY 41042 859/212-5200

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas 85 North Grand Ave. Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 859/572-3100 **St. Elizabeth Grant** 238 Barnes Rd. Williamstown, KY 41097 859/824-8240

New 2020 imagery is coming!

The Kenton County PVA Office is ready to launch its 2020 EagleView flight. EagleView imagery is captured with patented proprietary camera systems that enable us to see the County from multiple perspectives. Images are captured by low-flying airplanes, depicting oblique perspectives as well as an orthogonal



Please stop by for a visit!

Come visit us in our beautiful new PVA Office. The PVA Office is in the new Government Building conveniently located at 1840 Simon Kenton Way, Suite 3300 (old Bavarian Brewery), along with many other government offices such as the Kenton County Fiscal Court and Kenton County Clerk. (Please note we also have a full-time representative in the Independence Courthouse for your convenience.)

(overhead) view of every parcel throughout Kenton County.

Oblique aerial images captured from the north, south, east, and west directions offer the PVA Office a 360-degree view of every property in Kenton County. Ortho imagery provides a true top-down view and is critical to the PVA Office's Sketch Department, which utilizes the ortho images to determine the perimeter square footage of all real property in the county. Both images boost the PVA Office's ability to assess all property in a fair and equitable manner.

EagleView is a recognized means of meeting the PVA's statutory obligation to "physically inspect" all parcels throughout the County and in an effort to capture up-to-date information, the PVA has contracted to fly every two years. The 2020 flight is a joint venture with LINK-GIS.

It's a bird, it's a plane — EagleView planes, that is! Look for them in the sky in March!

2020 property review

In keeping with statutory requirements, the PVA office is required to review properties at least once every four years. The PVA office will be reviewing properties in Crescent Springs/ Villa Hills Fire District and the cities of Crescent Springs, Crestview Hills, Edgewood, Ft. Wright, Taylor Mill, Villa Hills. You can view and update your property information online at www.kentonpva.com. If your property is not in any of these areas, yet you would like to discuss your assessed value, you may call our office any time after January 1, 2020. Please visit our website for additional information on the review process.

Reduce your net taxable value by applying for the Homestead or Disability Exemption

Did you know that you may qualify for a reduction in the taxable value of your home, thereby reducing your property taxes?

The Kentucky Homestead Act is a tax exemption established for the benefit of the senior or disabled homeowner. Property owners in the State of Kentucky are eligible for the Homestead Exemption (HEX) if they are the legal owner of record of their home as of January 1 for the year in which they turn 65. To qualify for the homestead exemption, a person must be at least 65 years old during the tax period and the property must be owned, occupied and maintained by the taxpayer as their primary residence on the January 1 assessment date.

Kenton County PVA

Not 65 years of age but 100% disabled? You may still qualify for a disability exemption (DEX). In order to qualify for the disability exemption, a person must be classified as 100% totally disabled under any government and/or most private retirement system (s).

The 2020 exemption is \$39,300. (Only one exemption per location.)



WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU! Darlene M. Plummer - Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator Covington Office Hours (1840 Simon Kenton Way, Suite 3300): Monday-Friday: 8:15 am - 4:15 pm Ph: 859/392-1750 • Fax: 859/392-1770

Independence Office Hours (old Courthouse; 5272 Madison Pike):

Monday-Friday: 8 am - 4 pm; Ph: 859/392-1678 • Fax: 859/392-1681

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EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE Changing Lives

See what happened from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019!

Your Kenton County Extension Service provides research-based educational programs in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture, Horticulture, 4-H Youth Development and Community Development. This issue features an overview of our programs from last year.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Kenton County Homemakers again raised and awarded over \$2,500 in High School scholarships. Kenton County Homemakers also spearheaded the "Healthy Horticulture" seminar-featuring a variety of home gardening programs. This year they are especially proud of one of their own! Cathy Kunkel-Mains was named a Master Farm Homemaker Member AND State 4-H Chairman for the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association.
- Regular programs are held at St. Ayloysius, City Heights, Elsmere Senior Center, Life Learning Center, Kenton County Libraries, Food Banks, and various schools. These programs cover topics including nutrition, general health, food safety, and stretching your dollar.
- A variety of food, nutrition, and health classes were taught, including topics on food preservation, food safety, roasting vegetables, What's for Dinnerbeef, poultry, and seafood; Plate it Up, Cook Smart, Eat Smart; plus arthritis and bone health.
- As baby boomers are approaching



Cathy Kunkel-Mains and family celebrate her wins at KEHA.

retirement age, they may struggle with financial decisions. Classes on Estate Planning and Medicare addressed some of these concerns. As these boomers face retirement, a class "Retired, What Now?" focused on budgeting, leisure activities and scholarly pursuits. A 4-hour workshop, "On the Road to Retirement: Protecting Your Money" featured speakers on Medicare, the latest scams, investing, financial management and insurance.

 Each year, on average, Kentuckians deal with 30-50 days associated with thunderstorms, 12 tornadoes and three fatalities related to tornadoes. Preparing for emergency situations can be crucial to survival and safety. The class on "Are You Ready for an Emergency" provided tips on preparing your family and home for these events. Tips on handling food during power outages and floods was shared, along with communication, family emergency plans, and the need for a kit for emergencies.

- Technology continues to play an important part in everyday life. The class on "Planning Your Digital Estate" discussed what happens to your digital property after you are gone. Questions were answered on who would have access to online bank accounts, email, social media accounts and do they close, disappear or remain in the cloud.
- 300 families of relatives raising children gained support and education through 9 monthly support group meetings and by receiving a copy of the local resource guide printed by the Extension Service.
- 56 individuals participated throughout the year in healthy home programs that increased knowledge of mold and moisture clean up as well as decluttering to prevent falls.
- As a result of the long term commitment by FCS Agents at the Life Learning Center in Covington, they were honored at the 2018 Partner Appreciation breakfast as the Educational Partner of the Year.

Agriculture

- Over the past year, more than 200 soil and forage analysis tests were completed for Kenton County farmers.
- County Agriculture Investment Program (CAIP) was administered by the Kenton County Farm Bureau in cooperation with Cooperative Extension Service and was utilized by more than 40 farmers in the county.
- Kenton County Extension Service collaborated with Boone and Campbell counties to offer the third annual Northern Kentucky Equine Conference and included over 90 youth participants from across the region.
- Kenton County partnered with the Northern Kentucky Cattle Association to offer Bull Soundness evaluations in April. There were more than 50 bulls tested. The purpose of this program is to ensure the herd bull is healthy enough for the upcoming breeding season.
- Efforts in marketing Kenton County grown food have begun with a committee formed to develop and implement a local campaign to promote food that local residents can buy from Kenton County farmers.

Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service

- Muddy conditions caused by winter feeding areas for cattle operators can cause erosion and loss of potential grazing areas for the following year. Kenton County Extension offered a program to demonstrate different ways of recovering those areas.
- In 2018 the Banklick Watershed Council was introduced to a local dairy in need of a lagoon for water conservation. One of the strengths of Extension Service is bringing resources to farm operators. The Extension Agent was able to facilitate a grant offered to the dairy farmer for this water conservation program.

Horticulture

Kenton County Extension Horticulture blossomed this year. Here's a little of what we did in the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

- New Master Gardeners are now ready! Eighteen people took the Kenton County's Master Gardener classes this past winter. Kenton County's Master Gardeners donated over 1200 hours of service worth thousands of dollars to the community. Three dozen residents of two long-term care facilities participate in monthly horticultural therapy activities provided by Extension and our Master Gardener volunteers. Juanita Mills was awarded Master Gardener of the Year for her years of dedicated service and hard work.
- Did you know we offer free individual consultations on garden, landscape and plant care? Get your soil tested, too, and receive



Participants making herb butter during Growing Herbs class.

customized fertilizer and amendment recommendations. More than 300 soil tests were performed for County residents this year.

• In June, volunteers planted 500 tree seedlings on the grounds of our new building at 450 Kenton Lands Rd. in Erlanger.

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- Kenton County's Outdoor Education Center's demonstration gardens grew 1,000 pounds of produce which was donated to local food banks and used for Extension classes and activities. At the annual Farm Harvest Tour and other fall events, hundreds of visitors toured the Three Sisters vegetable gardens, the Prairie garden, and saw Monarchs and other butterflies in our Monarch & Pollinator waystation.
- More than 350 people participated in classes and trainings in topics from Apple-grafting to Wildflowers. We also collaborate with community partners to put on the Public Workers Tree Seminar and the Tri-state Green Industry Conference each winter. These educational events, attended by more than 700 persons, featured day-long training and continuing education credits in topics from aquaculture to tree disease management.

Kenton County Cooperative Extension receives donations of vegetable and flower seed packets from seed companies. More than 3,000 packets were given to Kenton County residents at Earth Day, to local schools for garden and class programs, used at Extension and community gardens, and in other Extension classes and programs.

4-H Youth Development

4-H Youth Development programs served 5,299 youth participants. Represented in this number are the following:

- 4-H's chick incubation program reached 1,107, in 11 classrooms including special needs youth and 4-H Poultry club. 4-H'ers were introduced to the science of living things and lifecycle development.
- 4-H's natural resources program and science education engaged 867 Kenton County youth and adults in classrooms, after-school, day camps and provided 652 hours of direct education.
- 213 4-H'ers participated in production agriculture projects and horse projects, successfully competing on county, district and state levels.
- Partnering with 4 school districts Kenton 4-H planned and implemented the 4-H Reality Store for 1,080 students; 72 volunteers were involved.
- 238 adult volunteers were involved in educational programs, training opportunities, councils and committees directing local youth programs.

- 136 youth participated in overnight camp and 13 summer day camp programs, including geology, entomology, photography, art and health were attended by 147 youth.
- School clubs met 632 times including 1,755 youth participants. Clubs focused on Natural Resources, Kentucky culture, nutrition and consumer education.
- 541 participated in consumer and financial education programs where youth learned to "Think before they buy."
- Instructed 1,037 youth in healthy food choices, food safety, physical activity and anti-bullying.
- 154 youth participated in Family and Consumer Science programs like sewing, needlework, fashion, and babysitting.
- 397 Kenton County youth engaged in public speaking and demonstrations; 66 advanced to the County Communication Event; 13 advanced to the Multi-County Communication Event; and 2 participants advanced to the state level.
- 490 middle school youth participated in "Step Up to Leadership" school enrichment programs.
- 35 youth participated in Shooting Sports.



4-H'er Saylor exercising ber market bog.

Cooperative Extension Service

Agriculture and Natural Resources Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H Youth Development Community and Economic Development Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Kentucky Counties, Cooperating.

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Visit www.kentoncountyextension.org for class descriptions.



KENTON COUNTY EXTENSION CLASS SCHEDULE

SPRING 2020

Visit www.kentoncountyextension.org for class descriptions.

Leap Day Bunco Party

Sat., Feb. 29, 11 am-2 pm Kenton Lands location Snacks, Drop Ticket Auction, Bunco Winner Prizes, Split the Pot. Proceeds to benefit the Kenton County Homemaker Scholarship Fund. \$15 per person; Call 859/356-3155 for tickets. EXE0002247

4-H Poultry Club* Fridays, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 13, April 24, May 8 • 4:30 pm **Durr Center, Marshall Rd.**

4-H Dog Club*

Thursdays, Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 & March 12 • 6 pm Elsmere Senior Center Learn to train your dog.

Relatives Raising Relatives Support Group Luncheon

Fridays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 27, April 24, May 15 • 12 -1 pm Kenton Lands location

4-H Rabbit Club*

1st Tuesday of each month • 7 pm Kenton Lands location

4-H Clover Bud Meetings

3rd Thursday of each month • 7 *pm* **Kenton Lands location** For children in school K-3.

RC Car Club*

Coming Soon! Looking for youth and volunteers. Contact Denise Donahue at 859/356-3155.

Craft Club*

4-H Rough Riders *3rd Thursday of each month* • 7 *pm* **Kenton Lands location**

4-H Shooting Sports Club Orientation* *Tues., Jan. 21* • 6 pm

Kenton Lands location

Beginning Sewing for Adults

Thursday evenings, beginning Jan. 23 • 5:30-8:30 pm **Kenton Lands location Note:** class is currently full but we are taking a waitlist for cancellations. Class fee: \$5.

4-H Bring a Buddy to Sew*

Tuesdays., Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, & March 3 (March 10, snow make-up day) • *4-6 pm* **Kenton Lands location** For any youth 4-H age 9-18

For any youth 4-H age 9-18 and an adult buddy. \$15 fee.

Bulbs for Summer Display

Wed., Jan. 29, 1-3 pm <u>OR</u> 6-8 pm Kenton Lands location

Horticulture: Lunch & Learn Series

All sessions: 12:05-12:45 pm

• Bulbs for Summer Display Mon., Feb. 3,

Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

• Planning Your Garden Mon., Feb. 17 Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

• Early Spring Pruning Fri., March 6 Kenton Lands location

• Rose Care Mon., April 20 Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

- Accessible Gardening: High Table Construction Mon., May 4 Durr Center, Marshall Rd.
- Front Porch Gardens Mon., May 18 OEC Barn, Marshall Rd.

4-H Livestock Forms*

Tues., Feb. 4, & Tues., March 3 6:30-7:30 pm

Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

Planning Your Garden *Wed., Feb 12* • *1-3 pm* **Kenton Lands location**

4-H Cooking Project Day *Mon., Feb. 17* • *10 am-2 pm*

Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

Oh Nuts!

Thurs., Feb. 27 • *10 am* **Kenton Lands location**

Earth Day Garden Seed Give-Away

March 2020, check back later for details.

Early Spring Pruning

Wed., March 4 • *1-3 pm* **Durr Center, Marshall Rd.**

Are You Ready for a Disaster?

Wed., March 4 • 6-7:30 pm Kenton Lands location

4-H Communication Event*

Thurs., March 5 • 6:30 pm **Twenhofel Middle School**

Registration required for all classes. Some classes may require a fee. All checks payable to "Kenton Co. Extension District Board." Visit our website at kentoncountyextension.org for complete details.

Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service

CLASS SCHEDULE, Continued

4-H STEM Fun*

Mondays, March 9, 16, 23, & 30 6-7 pm

Kenton Lands location Registration required, class size limited

Plate it Up - Kentucky Proud

• Thurs., March 12, 6:30-8 pm **Boone County Enrichment** Center

To register call: 859/ 586-6001 • Fri., March 13, 10-11:30 am

Kenton Lands location To register call: 859/ 356-3155 This class is for adults.

Adulting 101: Landing

Your First J-O-B Tues., March 24 • 6 pm **Kenton Lands location**

Social Security Questions?

Thurs., March 26 • 6-7:30 pm **Kenton Lands location**

Adulting 101: Living on Your Own

Tues., March $31 \bullet 6 pm$ **Kenton Lands location**

Identity Theft

Thurs., April 2 • 6-7:30 pm **Kenton Lands location**

Today's Sweetners

• Tues., April 7, 6:30-8:30 pm **Florence Senior Activity** Center

To register call: 859/ 586-6101

• Thurs., April 9, 1:30-3:30 pm Durr Center, Marshall Rd. To register call: 859/356-3155

Relationship Smarts in a Tech World

Tues., April 14 • 6 pm Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

It's Sew Fine Sewing

Expo April 14-15 **Boone County Enrichment** Center

Accessible Gardening: High Table Construction

Tues., April 28 • 1-3 pm (Rain date May 5)

Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

Cleaning Matters

Tues., April 28 • 1:30-3:00 pm **Kenton Lands location**

Retirement Planning for all Stages of Life

Thurs., April 30 • 6-7:30 pm **Kenton Lands location**

Join the fun with Kenton 4-H!



Estate Planning: Documents & Probate Overview

Thurs., May 7 • 6-7:30 pm **Kenton Lands location**

Plate it Up - Kentucky Proud

- Mon., May 11, 6-7:30 pm **Kenton Lands location** To register call: 859/356-3155
- Thurs., May 14, 1:30-3 pm **Boone County Enrichment** Center

To register call: 859/586-6001 This class is for adults.

Front Porch Gardens

Wed., May 13 • 6-8 pm **Kenton Lands location**

Spring & Summer Salads & Dressings

- Tues., May 19, 6-8pm **Kenton Lands location** To register call: 859/ 356-3155
- Thurs., May 21, 6:30-8:30 pm **Florence Senior Activity** Center To register call: 859/ 586-6101

4-H Camp

June 28-July 2, 2020 For youth ages 9 to 14.

*4-H programs are for youth aged 9-18, unless otherwise specified.

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* Asterisk denotes registration required.

Little Da Vincis

Fridays, 10 am-8 pm William E. Durr Stop in all day for an art and STEM activity.

Ollivander's Wand Making Workshop School Age

Sun., Feb. 2, 2-3 pm Covington

The wand may choose the wizard, but why not make one instead? Join us on your day off to get some tips from some of Mr. Ollivander's apprentices to make your very own illuminated wand.

Welcome House Mobile Outreach Medical Unit

Mondays in Feb., 10 am-noon Covington The Welcome House Medical/Health

RV will be in the parking lot to assist individuals.

Target Your Resume Professional Level Workshop*

Mon., Feb. 3, 1-3 pm Erlanger

Update your resume to compete in today's lightning fast business environment.

Kentucky Adult Education Classes*

Mondays & Wednesdays, 4-7 pm Erlanger Prepare for your GED. Call 859/442-1683 to register.

Reading Buddies

Ages 3-12

Mon., Feb. 3, 17 & 24, 4:30-5:30 pm Erlanger

Children are invited to read with one of our Reading Buddy volunteers. Younger children can listen to stories and older children can practice their reading skills. Pizza provided. Earn a new paperback book when you attend three times.

Toastmasters

Mon., Feb. 3, 7-8:30 pm Erlanger

Toastmasters help people develop public speaking and leadership skills-with enjoyment. Stop in, or for information call or visit www.toastmasters.org.

Job Search Success*

Tues., Feb. 4, 9 am-noon Covington Learn career exploration, personal brand-

ing, resumes, and cover letters. Classes taught by the Brighton Center/NKY Career Center.

SCORE: Free Advice for Businesses and Entrepreneurs*

Tuesday, 9 am-1:30 pm Erlanger

SCORE, an all-volunteer organization of experienced professionals who provide free advice to entrepreneurs. You must register to participate. Contact SCORE at www.greatercincinnati.score.org.

NKY Accountability Group

Meets every Wed., 9:15-11:30 am Erlanger

Unemployed professional? Join other job seekers looking for work to get support and fresh ideas.

Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange

Tues., Feb. 4, 10 am-noon Covington

Mon., Feb. 10, 2-4 pm William E. Durr

Tues., Feb. 25, noon-2 pm William E. Durr Reps with Kentucky Health Benefit

Exchange will help you sign up for health care through Kentucky's health care exchange.

NKY Career Center Employer's Corner

Wed., Feb. 5 & 19 11:30 am-12:30 pm Erlanger Meet a NKY area employer in person. Bring your resume!

Breakthrough Performance White Belt Six Sigma Class*

Thurs., Feb. 6, 9 am-1 pm Erlanger

Harry Potter Book Night: Triwizard Tournament* Ages 8-18

Thurs., Feb. 6, 6-7 pm Erlanger Participate in the Harry Potter Book Night of crafts- dragons, mermaids, and Triwizard cup included!

Writers Group

Thurs., Feb. 6, 6:30-8:30 pm Erlanger Share your work and give feedback in this writing group for writers of all genres.

Craft Club*

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• Yarn Love Birds *Thurs., Feb. 6, 6:30-8:30 pm*

• Glass Suncatchers *Thurs., Feb. 20, 6:30-8:30 pm* Join us for a new craft project.

VIA Character Strengths Workshop*

Fri., Feb. 7, 10 am-noon Erlanger Make your strengths work for you!

Playart with Baker Hunt

Toddlers & Preschool

Fri., Feb. 7, 10-11 am Off Site Join us at the Baker Hunt Cultural Center for a storytime with art! Baker Hunt is located at 620 Greenup St., Covington, KY 41011.

Tai Chi

Fri., Feb. 7 & 21, 10:30-11:30 am William E. Durr Attendance will be limited to the first 35 participants.

Photography Workshop*

Fri., Feb. 7 & 14, 6:30-8:30 pm William E. Durr Bring your DSLR camera, charged batteries, memory card, manual and tripod if you have one. Learn tips and tricks.

Make It With Jackie: Greeting Cards*

Sun., Feb. 9, 2-4 pm William E. Durr Learn how to make personalized greeting cards.

Valentine's Day Party!

Mon., Feb. 10, 6-8 pm Erlanger Celebrate Valentine's Day with games, simple crafts, snacks, and a fully-loaded hot chocolate bar!

Job Search Success: Interviewing Tips/ Mock Interviews*

Tues., Feb. 11, 9 am-noon Covington Learn basics of job interviews and mock interview tips. Class taught by the Brighton Center/NKY Career Center.

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Interviewing Skills Workshop*

Tues., Feb. 11, 9:30-11:30 am Erlanger Prepare yourself for success in job interviews.

Homeschool Club: Underground Railroad with the Behringer-Crawford Museum Homeschool students in

Grades 1-6 *Tues., Feb. 11, 1:30-2:30 pm*

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Students will experience stories involving many brave "conductors" including Harriet Tubman, John Parker and Peg Leg Joe and others. Students will also make their own codes to guide others.

Supercharge Your LinkedIn Profile*

Wed., Feb. 12, 1-2:30 pm Erlanger

LinkedIn expert Carolyn Dickerson will show you how to maximize your LinkedIn profile by learning to use LinkedIn corporate recruiter. Significantly increase your chances of recruiters finding you!

Grow with Google: Google Digital Skills For Everyday Tasks*

Wed., Feb. 12, 2-3:30 pm Covington

Learn how to manage work and life tasks more effectively using Google tools. Whether you want to build a budget, create a meeting agenda or organize your priorities, these best practices will boost your productivity.

Transferable Skills Workshop*

Thurs., Feb. 13, 10 am-noon Erlanger Learn how to use your transferable skills to change jobs or careers.

Get Your Business Online with Google

Part 1: Thurs., Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 pm Part 2: Thurs., Feb. 20, 6:30-7:30 pm Erlanger

Learn about "Google My Business," a free tool for local businesses who want to connect with customers on Google Search and Maps.

Galentine's Day: Treat Yo' Self*

Thurs., Feb. 13, 6:30-8:30 pm Erlanger Treat Yo' Self with the best episodes of Parks and Rec' and a waffle bar! Get your nails done, make all-natural DIY skin care products, and do simple crafts with friends!

Puppy Tales*

School Age Sun., Feb. 16, 2-4 pm Erlanger

Join us for Puppy Tales and read to a therapy dog in the Library! Research shows that reading to dogs improves motivation and reading performance.

Neuterville Express Comes to Covington: Low Cost Spay/Neuter Service for Cats*

Tues., Feb. 18 Drop off: 6:30-7 am Pick up: Wed., Feb. 19 Covington For cats only. Reservations are required so call O.A.R. at 513/871-0185 to reserve your cat's spot on the van.

Chicken Nugget Taste Test

Thurs., Feb. 20, 6-8 pm William E. Durr Who makes the best frozen chicken nuggets? Come taste and vote!

Dominos & Donuts

Fri., Feb. 21, 9:30-10:30 am Erlanger Wake up at the Library with fresh donuts, coffee, and a game of dominos.

"Downton Abbey: The Movie"

Sat., Feb. 22, 1-3:30 pm Covington Join us as we sip on tea, enjoy tea cookies, finger sandwiches and view "Downton Abbey: The Movie."

Mark Your Calendars for Play 2 Go...



Join us this spring for Play2Go, a free hands-on exhibit designed by the Kentucky Science Center. Look for details on the Library's Facebook page.

Mock Interview Practice Session*

Tues., Feb. 25, 9:30-11:30 am Erlanger Do a 30-minute mock interview for a prospective job with a career counselor.

Cook-A-Book: Harry Potter*

School Age Thurs., Feb. 27, 7-8 pm Covington Explore the magical food of Harry Potter in a special edition of Cook-A-Book! We'll concoct Butterbeer and other treats inspired by the Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

Button Making 101*

Sat., Feb. 29, 1-2 pm Covington Learn how to make buttons with our button maker!

Friends of KCPL Used Book Sale

Sun., March 2 - Sat., March 28 Erlanger

Nearly new and used books, music and movies will be sold with prices ranging from 25 cents to \$4. Proceeds from the sale will go towards programs and services that support the Library. Sale hours: Sun. 1-4:30 pm, Mon. through Fri., 9 am. to 8:30 pm and Sat., 10 am to 5 pm

Pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Sat., March 28, 1-3 pm William E. Durr Registration is not required. The event is open to ages 12 and under. Don't forget to bring your camera!

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Kenton County Fiscal Court

A column by Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann



- Kris Knochelmann Kenton County Judge/Executive

"We have such a tremendous community. There are so many residents that love Kenton County, and commit their time and resources to helping it be the best version of itself." Donna Salyers' Fabulous Furs, that serve a national and international audience, powered by our creativity and drive.

Finally, we need to focus on better serving those in need. Northern Kentucky has a powerful culture of social service philanthropy, and we are fortunate so many have stepped forward to help over time. However, there are gaps in our service network, and we can do a better job of helping those who have fallen through the cracks of our society. I am committed to helping those in genuine need to get them on their feet and back among our ranks.

We have such a tremendous community. There are so many residents that love Kenton County, and commit their time and resources to helping it be the best version of itself. I count myself as blessed to work with Commissioners Jon Draud, Joe Nienaber and Beth Sewell, who love Kenton County and work hard every day on its behalf. I am honored to be your Judge/Executive, and I promise to work relentlessly toward the goal of making Kenton County the best place to live, work and raise a family.

My best wishes to you and your family for a prosperous and healthy 2020!

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November 15th marked an important day in Kenton County's history. We dedicated the new County Government Center, which will serve our community for many generations to come. We now have a onestop shop for county government services, with much improved access from the interstate and free surface parking.

It also marks the culmination of a five-year effort to significantly upgrade county services. At this time, I can confidently tell you that the County's personnel and operating platform are the best they have ever been, and well-positioned to serve you for years to come.

So... what next? We've made tremendous progress in a number of other areas during this time, but much work remains. In particular, I want to discuss three broad areas that will be a priority as we enter this new decade.

First, as I discussed in my last column, the re-organization of the Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development agency is complete. We have new staff, a new organizational chart, and a renewed commitment to providing Northern Kentucky with the economic development opportunities necessary to thrive. I look forward to Tri-ED 2.0 winning your trust, and winning the battles necessary to bring great economic opportunities to our region. There will be much activity on this front in 2020, and we will need you to be an active part of the Tri-ED 2.0 team.

Second, there will be an elevated effort in the region in the area of entrepreneurship. While bringing great businesses to Northern Kentucky is a cornerstone of economic development, we need to optimize our region's ability to generate its own opportunities. Over the past 50 years, great companies have emerged in the region, most related directly or indirectly to residential and commercial real estate development. It's time for our region to create even more companies, like Tier1 Strategies and

General Assembly 2020

With the upcoming legislative session, it's important to know who your Senators and Representatives are and how to contact them. They are here to serve you and to listen to your concerns and comments. Kenton County has two Kentucky Senators and five Kentucky Representatives.



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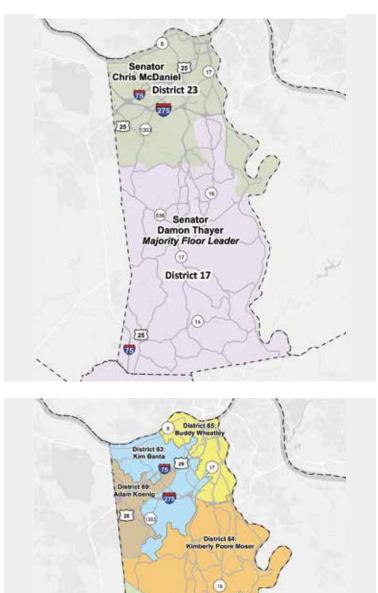
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History of Bavarian Brewery on display at Kenton County Government Center

Thanks to a generous donation from L. Ried Schott, a descendant of the former owners of the Bavarian Brewery, and a partnership with the Behringer - Crawford Museum, the history of Bavarian Brewery has come to life at the Kenton County Government Center. On the first floor, the exhibit highlights over 150 years of its history. Soon there will be additional displays on the second floor including even more of the historic artifacts.

In order to expand the exhibit, the curators are searching for more artifacts that may be in the community:

- Any Pre-Prohibition items for Bavarian Beer, Meyer-Riedlin or Riedlin Beer (before 1919)
- Prohibition items for the Riedlin Beverage Co. (1919-1925)
- Any items in the early years after the brewery was reopened in 1935-1942.
 - Items would include labels, bottle caps, openers, signs, posters, ads, postcards, photos, cases, barrels, signs and letters/envelopes or other related material.

Should anyone have such items and be willing to donate, lend, or even share photos or scans, please contact bcmcurator@gmail.com.



The curators for the Bavarian Brewery exhibit at the Kenton County Government Center are looking for additional artifacts. If you have items related to the historic brewery that you would be willing to share, please contact bcmcurator@gmail.com.

The Behringer - Crawford Museum is also interested in providing tours of the exhibits and the remaining Bavarian Brewery structure. Anyone interested in being a tour guide should call 859/491-4003 or contact info@ bcmuseum.org.

In addition, a tribute is being organized for those past workers at the Bavarian Brewery and consideration is being given for an annual event for those who had relatives that worked there. Over 200 names of workers at the brewery from the late 1800s until the early 1960s have been compiled, and the goal is to make this list as complete as possible.

If you have friends or family that worked at the brewery and would like to view the existing list, add new names, or provide any corrections, please visit the website www.bavarianbrewery.org and go to the "A Tribute" section. In addition, the curators are searching for brewery material with the names of employees, such as the monthly employee newsletters called the "Bavarian's New Tap" published in the 1950s (and possibly earlier).

The Kenton County Fiscal Court thanks Mr. Schott for his generosity and work in capturing and sharing the history of the Bavarian Brewery!