Community News

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
University of Kentucky – College of Agriculture

EXTENSION NOTES

Family And Consumer Sciences

Thursday, April 24th @ 12:00 Noon

Friendly Bacteria Workshop

Probiotics are the friendly bacteria that are beneficial to us. Learn how they work, where we get them and how they affect our health. Join us at the Estill County Extension Office on Thursday, April 24th, at 12:00 noon to learn how to keep healthier. This class will be taught by Jennifer Howard, Clark County Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the UK Estill County Cooperative Extension Office (723-4557) located at 76 Golden Court.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Saturday, Sunday of Mushroom Festival ECCPP Volunteers Needed

Estill County Center for morning, take-down late Sun- that would be great! day afternoon; and throughout both days, to always have someone at the booth.

If any of you can help, Pregnancy & Parenting is set-please let me know what hours ting up an information booth at you will be available. Also if the Mushroom Festival com- you can e-mail a phone numing up this weekend. We need ber where you can be reached help with set-up early Saturday if I need to tweak the schedule,

Thanks and blessings, Sandra Wilds, **Executive Director**

Sunday, April 27th @ 2:00 p.m.

ECHS Class of '59 Reunion

on April 27th to discuss plans you. for a 55th class reunion.

tion that you may have to you have any questions.

Members are invited to update information about attend a planning meeting fellow class members. We at Michaels Restaurant, on will have an updated copy of Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., the class roster available for

Hope to see you at the Please bring any informa- meeting. Call 723-8446 if

Monday, May 5th @ 7:00pm

Twin City Kruzerz Car Club

Twin City Kruzerz Car day (Tuesday). Club will be holding their it will be held the following neth Tipton at 723-7554.

All members and anyone monthly meeting on the first wishing to join the club are Monday of each month at Ir- welcome. If you have any vine City Hall at 7:00 p.m. If questions please call Loyd the meeting falls on a holiday Flynn at 723-6776, or Ken-

Tuesday, May 6th @ 6:00pm

Estill Historical May Meeting

Tuesday, May 6th at 6 p.m.

The meal will be a choice of steak for \$14.50 or chicken for 606-723-2636 by April 30.

The 2014 calendar is still available at the Museum on

The Estill County Historical Saturdays. There should be and Genealogical Society will a correction in the calendar meet at Aldersgate Camp on for the month of July: "Anne Rainey Clark" should be listed as "Nancy Ann Rainey Clark".

The Estill County Picto-\$12.50. To make a reservation, rial History, WW II Book, the please contact Diane Arthur at School Book, and the two volumes of the Cemetery Books are still available.

Saturday, May 10th

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

a food drive to supplement the need. food banks in the local area.

There are many families located throughout the counbanks for help. Please help endeavor.

Every year the National us make 2014 the best year Association of Letter Carri- ever for food collection here ers (NALC) and the United in Estill County, and to help States Postal Service conduct our neighbors in their time of

The NALC Letter Carrier's food drive is Saturday May, 10th this year. Please plan to try who depend on these food join us in this very important

Info on Class Members Needed

1984 ECHS Class Reunion

The Class of 1984 planning "ECHS Class of '84" face-30-year class reunion.

Wow, 30 years, can you belinda Fox Puckett at (859) facebook page. 358-1403 or Vickie Miller

You can also join our as we are!!

committee has been working book page and leave your adhard on planning a fun-filled, dress on there or private message for Vicki or Belinda.

Go ahead and mark your lieve it!! However, we need calendars for September 12 your help, we need your ad- & 13. All the details will be dress and names of any other in the letter we will mail to classmate that you might you, and we will also post it know. Please call or text Be- on our "ECHS Class of '84"

Help us spread the word. Singleton at (859) 582-8138. We hope you are as excited

Spay/Neuter Funds Still Available

Pet Spay & Neuter Assistance

There is still spay/neuter limited. They are available to Estill County which acquired overpopulation.

needing to be altered, please fund availability. Thanks for email Ellen Frederick at <ellen helping our community reduce frederick@windstream.net> or our pet overpopulation. <peacefulpawsky@aol.com> for forms/instruction.

These funds were made possible from the KY spay/neuter licensing program and are

money available through The residents of Estill, Lee, Wolfe, Humane Society's Angels of Owsley and Jackson counties.

This money must be spent a grant to help reduce our pet or we'll have to give it back. Don't miss out on this pro-If you have a cat or dog gram. Program is subject to

> Funds are independent of the Estill County Animal Shelter. Please do not call the Shelter about this program.

Thursday, May 1st @ 7:00 p.m.

ECHS Class of 1974

The ECHS Class of 1974 partment behind City Hall. will be having a class reunion meeting on Thursday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. Hope to see our 2014, at the Irvine Fire De- classmates there.

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- Bachelor of Arts Berea College—History and Political Science
- Master of Arts Morehead State University--Health **Experience**
- Falcon Coal Company 1974-1978 Reclamation
- 1979-1996 Lees College—Coach, Instructor, Dean
- 1996-2014 HCTC—Dean and Student Ombudsman

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91st District State Representative

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Kitchen Diva Spring Peas, Please!

One of the best ways to celebrate the coming of spring is with a basket full of small, very fresh, sweet green peas. You know that peas are fresh when their pods are firm and green, so avoid any that are yellowing or wilting. Go for medium pods rather than large, thick-skinned ones, which are more mature and contain larger, tougher peas. Break open a pod and check the peas inside. They should be small, bright green and firm; if you taste one, it should be tender and sweet.

by ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS

If all you can find are large, mature peas, opt for frozen peas instead. They're usually picked when they're young and tender and immediately frozen. Mature peas are not as tender and sweet as young ones, and they're less versatile. They need to be cooked longer and more slowly, and their firmer texture works well only in stews and braises.

Peas provide essential nutrients and are an excellent source of vitamins K and B6, and folic acid, all crucial to bone strength and cardiovascular health.

You'll probably find three types of fresh peas available at the market right now: English, sugar snap and snow peas. English peas (also called shelling peas, green peas or garden peas) are the most common. Their pods are inedible, so the peas must be shelled before eating. "Petits pois" is the name given to very small English peas.

Sugar snap peas have a thicker, edible shell. As the name denotes, this variety is sweet like sugar and makes a distinctive sound when its shell is broken. Sugar snap peas can be eaten both raw and cooked.

Snow peas, often seen in Chinese cooking, are flatter, thinner and more translucent than the others. They are eaten in their entirety, and no shelling is required.

Peas don't have much of a shelf life, so don't store them for long periods of time. Store pods in a plastic bag in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. Use them within a couple of days.

Shelling peas is easy. To do it, remove the stem end of the pod, peel the stringy fiber from the seam, pry the pod open and run your thumb along the interior to detach the peas.

Once they're shelled, the best way to store peas is to freeze them. First blanch them for a minute or two in boiling, salted water, and then shock them in an ice-water bath until cool to help maintain their bright color. Drain and freeze in zip-top bags. They will keep for five to six months.

Peas lend themselves to almost any cooking method and mix well with a variety of flavors, such as cured meats. Bacon, pancetta, prosciutto, smoked ham and chorizo work wonderfully with peas, as their pronounced saltiness complements the peas' gentle flavor.

Fresh mint also is a classic flavor partner, but feel free to experiment with other fresh spring herbs such as basil, chervil, chives, dill and tarragon. Peas are a natural with onions, scallions and other alliums, and they pair well with other spring vegetables like asparagus, new potatoes, carrots and fava beans. They're delicious as a side dish with chicken, lamb or duck, and with any kind of fish, especially cod, salmon and scallops. When they're small and tender, peas are great raw in salads. Try this delicious Sweet Pea and Asparagus Salad, and celebrate spring!



SWEET PEA AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

1/4 cup lemon juice

servings.

- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/4 cup canola oil, or extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sugar or honey 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 heads Boston or Bibb lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces 2 cups very thinly sliced fresh asparagus (about 1 bunch)

2 cups shelled fresh peas (about 3 pounds unshelled) 1 pint grape or cherry tomatoes, halved

2 tablespoons minced fresh chives, or scallion greens

Combine lemon juice and zest, oil, sugar or honey, garlic powder, salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper in a large salad bowl. Add lettuce, asparagus, peas, tomatoes and chives or the top of a green onion; toss to coat. Serve immediately. Makes 8

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