

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2025

THE MASON COUNTY

Horticulture Insights

Message from Horticulture agent Macy.

As Mason County Horticulture Agent, I am thrilled to share some truly inspiring accomplishments from our community programs. Our participants at the Mason County Detention Center have shown extraordinary dedication, hard work, and a commitment to learning that reflects the very best of what our Master Gardener and Commercial Applicator programs aim to achieve. Their achievements not only highlight the value of education and volunteerism but also demonstrate the positive impact that these programs have on individuals and our community as a whole. We also have quite a few exciting programs and resources coming up: a publication on growing garlic in October, timely tips for flowers, trees, shrubs, and lawns, an upcoming program for Commercial Turf and Lawn, the Master Gardener Plant Sale on October 14th, the Master Gardener Bulb Sale Fundraiser, our County Office Open House on September 22nd, Farm School on Thursdays in October, A Taste of KY Wild in November, and the Barnyard Theater Program on November 7th. Be sure to mark your calendars and take advantage of these excellent learning and community opportunities.

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GARDNERS

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HOMEMAKER YARD SALE
FLYER



October is garlic planting time

SOURCE: ADAM LEONBERGER, UK EXTENSION HORTICULTURE AGENT

With ghosts, goblins, and vampires on the prowl in October, it's the perfect time to plant your garlic for next spring. Garlic has long been viewed as a way to ward off vampires, according to European folklore. Whether that is fact or fiction, one thing is for sure, October is the time to plant garlic. Planting in the fall produces larger bulbs and more complex flavors. Garlic enhances food recipes and is seen as a traditional medicine in some cultures.



Garlic is best planted in the fall for harvesting next spring, usually in June. Nothing stores better after harvest than garlic because it is largely not affected by pests or diseases.

Place your garlic cloves in full sun and a well-drained, fertile site. Mix some organic matter like compost into the soil to provide more nutrients and to increase drainage. Plant cloves about 2 inches deep in the soil with the pointed end of the clove turned up. Prior to planting you should do a soil test to make sure your pH levels are between 6.0 and 6.5. Adding shredded leaves or straw on top will protect the cloves from cold winter and retain soil moisture. Be sure to put your garlic in a corner of your garden or a space where you won't be planting next spring. Each clove of garlic should be planted six inches apart and will produce a new head with six to eight cloves at harvest. You don't need to plant a lot of garlic, because a little will go a long way.

There are three types of garlic, the softneck, hardneck and elephant garlic. The softneck has two types, the artichoke and silver skin. Both are common garlic types sold in the supermarket and you have likely used them. The hardneck has large cloves, is easy to peel and has more intense flavor than softnecks. It also has a flower scape or flowering stem. Elephant garlic is a third type but is actually a member of the onion family and is considered a variant of the leek.

Contact the Mason County Extension office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service for information on planting garlic.

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Servings:6 Serving
Size: 12 ounces of
turtle and veggies



Fireside Turtle Pocket



Ingredients:

- 4 large turtle legs, about 2 ½ pounds
- 2 tablespoons dried minced onion
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- Water to cover
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 large potatoes, peeled and diced
- 4 carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch lengths
- 1 onion, chopped
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

Directions:

Place turtle legs, dried onion, and black pepper in a slow cooker. Add enough water to cover. Cook on high for 1 hour, reduce heat to low, and cook an additional 8 hours until meat is tender and falls off the bones. Pick out the meat and discard the bones and cartilage. Place a long sheet of heavy-duty foil on a large cookie sheet. The ends of the foil will hang off the pan. Slice butter into pats onto the foil. Place potatoes, carrots, and onions in center of foil. Place turtle meat on top of vegetables, sprinkle with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Bring ends of foil to center and foil to seal in juices. Bake at 450 degrees F for 40 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Nutrition Facts per Serving: 360 calories, 2g total fat, 0.5g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 95mg cholesterol, 490mg sodium, 42g total carbohydrate, 7g dietary fiber, 7g total sugars, 42g protein, 20% DV calcium, 20% DV iron, 30% DV potassium

Source: Adapted from: Clinton Hardy's Sorgho Creek Turtle recipe

Timely Tips

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Trees & Shrubs

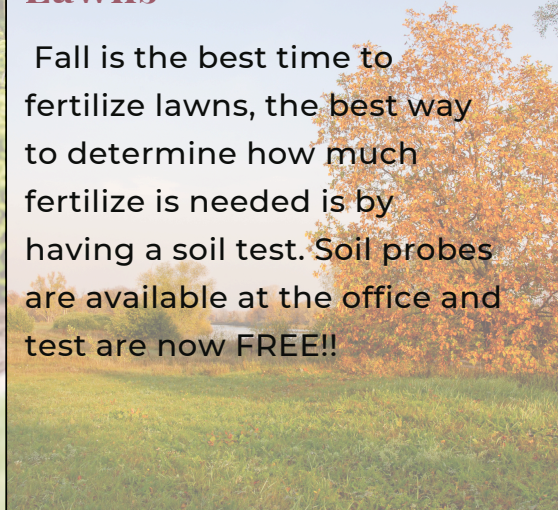
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs, one inch of water per week unless mother nature takes of the watering.

Flowers

- Plant perennials to add color to your garden, a good selection for fall blooms includes: mums, Toad lilies, Asters, non-invasive Goldenrod, and a variety of ornamental grasses.

Lawns

Fall is the best time to fertilize lawns, the best way to determine how much fertilize is needed is by having a soil test. Soil probes are available at the office and test are now FREE!!





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Commerical Turf & Lawn

- **Kenneth Clayton: Weed ID & Control**
Turf Extension Associate, University of Kentucky
- **Dr. Jonathan L. Larson, PhD: Insect ID & Control**
Assistant Extension Professor – Entomology,
University of Kentucky
- **Julie Beale: Disease ID and Control**
Scientist III, Plant Pathology, University of Kentucky

**MAYSVILLE/MASON COUNTY
RECREATION PARK, 2340
OLD MAIN ST, MAYSVILLE, KY 41056.
(BROWNING SHELTER)**

CEU'S
AVAILABLE

2 FOR CATEGORY 3
1 FOR CATEGORY 10



9/24/25



Weed ID & Control



9:00 AM - Noon



Insect ID & control



Lunch will be provided



Disease ID & control

**Registration is required for this program please call or
scan to register. 606-564-6808**

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Growing Garlic

October 7th



Includes
information
on how to
grow
different
types of
garlic.



Mason County
Public Library
4:00 P.M.

Instructed by local
Master Gardener

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Fall

* Plant Sale *

Mason Co Master Gardener

October 14th
9:00am - 2:00pm



606-564-6808



800 US Hwy 68 Maysville

- Houseplants
- Succulents
- Bulbs

- Annuals
- Perennials
- Trees

Bloomin' Bucks\$

with Brent and Becky's

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Order your bulbs by visiting this website:
 - <http://https://brentandbeckysbulbs.com/fundraising/>
- Scroll down the list and select:
 - Mason County Master Gardener Assoc.
 - Click "Go" and follow the directions.
- Shop and make your selection at the Brent and Becky's Bulbs website, where a portion of every dollar you spend supports the Mason County Master Gardener Association and helps to enhance their efforts in our community.



Master Gardener Volunteers provide educational services to their communities, including answering gardening questions from the public, conducting programs and planting lessons, and engaging in gardening activities with children, seniors, or individuals with disabilities, as well as beautifying the community.



Scan to Order

Join us for an Open House!



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Come see what extension is all about!

Mason County Extension Office
September 22nd 5 PM – 7 PM

What's happening:

- 4-H Enrollement
- Homemaker Enrollment
- Booths: Agriculture, Horticulture, FCS, 4H, and many more!
- Kids' Coloring Contest (Pick up a sheet at the office ahead of time if you'd like)
- "Milk" a cow!
- Giveaways
- Mason Co Cattlemen's is grilling- so come hungry!



**Kentucky Extension
Master Gardener**



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BUFFALO TRACE AREA FARM SCHOOL

4 THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER

6:00PM MEAL WILL BEGIN AT 5:30PM

FLEMING CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

1384 ELIZAVILLE RD, FLEMINGSBURG

CALL YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE TO
REGISTER BY 9/26/2025

-BRACKEN: (606) 735-2141
-FLEMING: (606) 845-4641
-LEWIS: (606) 796-2732
-MASON: (606) 564-6808
-ROBERTSON: (606) 724-5796



OCTOBER 2
PLUMBING BASICS

OCTOBER 9
PLANT DISEASES 2.0

OCTOBER 16
BACKYARD POULTRY

OCTOBER 23
**CONTAINER
GARDENING**

OR REGISTER USING
THE QR CODE



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TASTE KY WILD



NOVEMBER 14, 2025



MASON CO. EXTENSION OFFICE



11:00AM-1:00PM

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: NOV. 7**

SAMPLE WILDLIFE RECIPES

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSE INFO

WILDLIFE ID

SEASONS

WILDLIFE TRACKS & SCAT

GENERAL HARVEST RULES



TO REGISTER: USE THE QR CODE OR CALL (606) 564-6808

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BUFFALO TRACE COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION SERVICE OFFICES PRESENTS

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

BARNYARD THEATER



FEATURING

DAVID APPELMAN
CHUCK BAILEY
ADAM HINTON
JENNIFER MEADOWS

 **STRAUB ELEMENTARY GYMNASIUM**
387 CHENAULT DRIVE, MAYSVILLE, KY

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

 **4:00PM-5:45PM HEALTH SCREENINGS**

 **6:00PM- DINNER & SHOW**

- FREE CHILDCARE
- GENERAL SCREENINGS
- RESP. FIT TESTING
- VISION CHECK
- FREE GIVEAWAYS
- DRAWING FOR UK TICKETS



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Mason Co Master Gardeners



Mason County is truly blessed to have such an incredible group of Master Gardeners who give so much of their time and talent to our community. Over the past few months, they have shared their knowledge and creativity in so many meaningful ways—hosting an air plant program at the Senior Center, teaching a beautiful stamped flower lesson, and bringing joy through hands-on flower arranging at the Maysville Nursing Home. Their efforts not only brighten spaces but also bring smiles and connection to those who participate.



We are so grateful for their dedication, compassion, and willingness to share their love of gardening with others. The impact of these programs goes far beyond plants—it touches hearts and creates lasting memories for the residents and participants. Mason County is lucky to have such a generous and inspiring group of volunteers making a real difference in the lives of others.



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DEADLINE
OCTOBER 31

READ. LEARN. GROW. BRINGS PARTNERSHIP TO COMMUNITY

A powerful example of community collaboration has taken root in Mason County through a partnership between the Mason County Cooperative Extension Council, Mason County Detention Center, Mason County Public Library, and Mason County Housing Authority. Together, these organizations have expanded access to books and educational resources for local residents of all ages.

This project began with an idea from Horticulture Agent Macy Fawns, who envisioned making literacy more accessible. Inmates at the Mason County Detention Center volunteered to design, build, and paint book boxes, while staff helped place them in the community. The Mason County Public Library stocked the boxes with books for children and adults, and Cooperative Extension added educational kits to promote lifelong learning. The Housing Authority helped identify the best community locations.

Three book boxes are now available thanks to these efforts. "This project is a true testament to what happens when different parts of our community come together for the benefit of others," said Ann Porter, President of the Mason County Cooperative Extension Council. The Read. Learn. Grow. Initiative continues to enrich the community, inspire readers, and highlight the power of partnership.



COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR PROGRAM

OPENS DOORS FOR MASON COUNTY INMATES

We are proud to celebrate the successful close of the Commercial Applicator Grant Program at the Mason County Detention Center. This initiative represents countless hours of dedication, as 10 inmates committed themselves to studying in hopes of bettering their futures and finding meaningful careers upon release. Their perseverance and determination are truly commendable, resulting in a total of 15 certifications earned.

The Commercial Applicator Program in Kentucky provides training and certification for individuals applying pesticides for hire or in governmental/research roles. The University of Kentucky's Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) supplies training materials and education, while the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) administers the exams and issues licenses. Certified applicators may specialize in areas such as ornamental and turf care, aquatic pest control, or right-of-way management. To maintain certification, applicators must also complete ongoing continuing education.

This program at the detention center was made possible through the efforts of Mason County Horticulture Agent Macy Fawns, who secured the grant and devoted time to teaching, along with Program Assistant Kimberly Bailey, who joined her in leading study sessions and proctoring the online exam through the KDA. A special thank you also goes to Jailer Lisa Yeary for her support in fostering this opportunity.

We are also deeply thankful for the partnership with the Kentucky Career Center. Their team has been amazing to work with, dedicating countless hours to help connect these gentlemen with job opportunities upon release, ensuring that the certifications they worked so hard to earn can translate into meaningful careers.

"This program shows the power of education and second chances," said Mason County Horticulture Agent Macy Fawns. "These gentlemen put in the work, showed incredible determination, and earned certifications that will help open doors for their future careers."

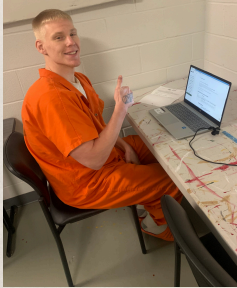
Inmates and Certifications Earned:

- Brandon Clark: Agriculture Pest Control, Ornamental, Turf and Lawn
- Jacob Spear: Agriculture Pest Control, Ornamental, Turf and Lawn
- Gabe Poplin: Ornamental, Turf and Lawn
- Tony Ross: Right-of-Way Pest Control
- Justin Scott: Ornamental, Turf and Lawn
- Nikolas Strausbaugh: Agriculture Pest Control
- Jeff Allison: Right-of-Way Pest Control
- Queston Carpenter: Right-of-Way Pest Control
- Michael Crager: Right-of-Way Pest Control, Aquatic Pest Control, Ornamental, Turf and Lawn
- Raymond Boschert: Ornamental, Turf and Lawn Care
- Christin Gallenstein: Right-of-Way

We are proud of the hard work of these gentlemen and grateful for the partnerships that made this program a reality.

COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR PROGRAM OPENS DOORS FOR MASON COUNTY INMATES

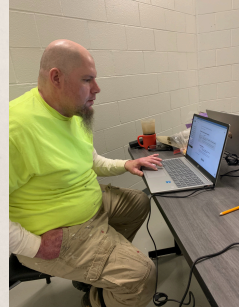
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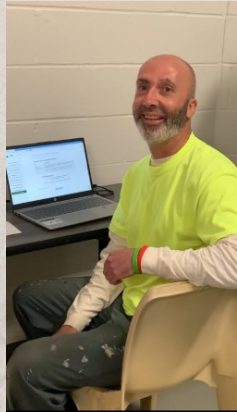
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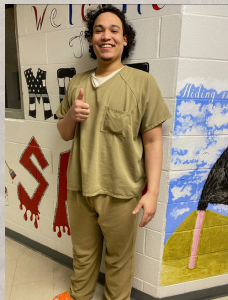
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Quinton Carpenter



Michael Cragar



Christin Gallenstein



Justin Scott

MASON CO DETENTION CENTER PARTICIPANTS COMPLETE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

We are proud to recognize three outstanding participants—William Boyd, Quinton Carpenter, and Michael Crager—who recently completed the 14-week Master Gardener Program offered at the Mason County Detention Center. This rigorous program required a strong commitment of time, including consistent attendance and the completion of at least 40 hours of volunteer work. These gentlemen not only met the requirements but went above and beyond in every aspect.

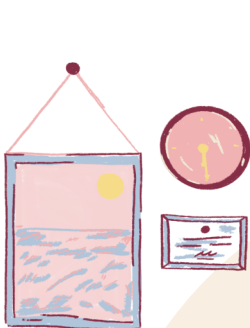
During the course, participants engaged in meaningful projects such as crocheting sleeping mats for the home insecure and creating beautiful flower arrangements for nursing home residents. Their dedication, respectfulness toward guest speakers, and consistent attendance set a high standard for future participants.

In addition to completing the Master Gardener program, all three earned their Private Applicator License during one of the classes, further demonstrating their commitment to learning and professional growth in horticulture.

This program, led by Mason County Horticulture Agent Macy Fawns in her fourth year of teaching, continues to make a significant impact, empowering participants with skills, knowledge, and opportunities to give back to their community.

We are incredibly proud of William, Quinton, and Michael and grateful for their hard work, dedication, and positive contributions.





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Proceeds go toward
Ovarian Cancer
research!

HOMEMAKER YARD SALE



October 4th, 2025
8:00 am - 2:00 pm



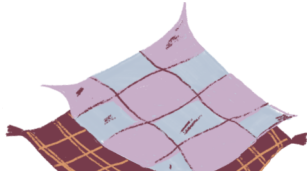
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NO EARLY SALES!

There will also be
a bake sale!

Items to be dropped off for
donation on October 2nd
and 3rd between the office
hours of 8 AM to 4:00 PM!



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