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GOODTIME HOMEMAKERS: TOGETHER IN FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

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The Robertson County Goodtime Homemakers are once again spreading kindness and fostering community connections through their new monthly program at the Robertson County Healthcare Facility. Beginning on April 12 and continuing the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m., the homemakers will gather to engage with residents in a variety of meaningful activities.

The program is designed to offer a much-needed boost of companionship to the residents, many of whom may not have frequent visitors. Whether it's through creative crafts, outdoor visits, flower planting, or simply spending quality time chatting and enjoying each other's company, the goal is to build lasting relationships and enrich the lives of everyone involved.

Each month, different activities will be planned to keep the program fresh and exciting for the residents. The homemakers hope that through these regular visits, they can continue to build meaningful connections, bringing joy and comfort to the residents at Robertson County Healthcare Facility.

As the program grows, the hope is that it will not only improve the lives of those living at the facility but also inspire others in the community to find ways to give back and support their neighbors.

The Goodtime Homemakers are proving that sometimes the simplest acts of kindness can make a world of difference.

COOKING THROUGH THE CALENDAR **APRIL 10** 11 A.M.

Robertson County Senior Citizen's Building

Each attendee will receive a free 12 month recipe calendar and will be able to taste-test each dish.

Participants must be 60 years of age to participate.

CRUNCHY AIR FRYER FISH





Robertson County Extension Office

5:00 p.m.

Call to Register 606-724-5796

Limited to 18 Spots





Includes all material and instructions. Registration by Apr. 18



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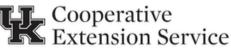


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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC APRIL IS NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH



HEALTH BULLETIN

TAY HEALTHY AS WINTER APPROACHES

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There are many ways to help protect and support kidney health:

- **Drinking enough water** is crucial for kidney function. Dehydration can strain the kidneys. It makes them less effective.
- Eating a diet low in sodium, processed foods, red meat, and high in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
- Being physically active helps maintain a healthy weight and reduces the risk of conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure that can damage the kidneys.
- Avoiding smoking and excessive drinking, as smoking can damage blood vessels, including those in the kidneys. Drinking too much alcohol can cause dehydration and strain the kidneys.

Also, certain health conditions may increase the likelihood of kidney disease. Having high blood pressure or diabetes may increase your health risks. Keeping blood pressure and blood sugar levels within healthy ranges is vital to protect and maintain kidney function.

Kidney function naturally declines with age. So, it becomes even more important to monitor kidney health in older adults, especially those with diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney disease. See a health-care provider if you notice any symptoms of kidney problems. These include changes in urination, swelling, fatigue, or persistent back pain. Regular screenings, especially if you have risk factors (e.g., diabetes, high blood pressure), can help find kidney issues early.

If you are worried about your kidney health, talk to your health-care provider. They can help you decide if you need tests for your kidney function. For example, blood tests can measure the creatinine (waste product) level in the blood, indicating kidney function. Urine tests can help detect protein (which shouldn't be in significant amounts in the urine) and other markers of kidney disease.

Maintaining kidney health involves preventive care, a healthy lifestyle, and regular monitoring. Early detection and management of risk factors can help prevent or slow the progression of kidney disease.

REFERENCE:

https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/communityhealth-outreach/national-kidney-month



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The Power of

Luncheon

Join us as we celebrate a message of Hope & Health & Empowerment Education &

We welcome **WOMEN OF ALL AGES** to come together to share in the message of Breast Health and screenings. The morning will be filled with amazing stories of advocacy, survivorship, demonstrations, delicious food, singing, doorprizes, fellowship, fun and a presentation by Dr. Stephanie Brashear.

Saturday, April 26th 10 am to Noon

(Doors & Registration will open at 9:30 AM)

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800 U.S. Hwy 68, Maysville, KY 41056

Please RSVP by Monday, April 21st by calling 606-564-6808

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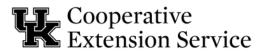




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