Community News

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Thursday, July 17th @ 6pm

Garden Thyme Herb Club Meeting

The Garden Thyme Herb on herb of the month followed Club will be meeting on by a lesson on using herbs in Thursday, July 17 at 6 p.m. in quick breads. the fellowship hall of New Beginning Church.

There will be a presentation call 723-3096.

Everyone is invited to at-

tend. For more information,

Saturday, July 19th @ 6:00pm ECHS Class of 1969 reunion

The Estill County High 6 p.m. School Class of 1969 will Saturday, July 19, starting at call (859) 519-0563.

If you did not receive a lethold their class reunion on ter about the reunion, please

Saturday, July 19th, 12 Noon - 4pm **Annual Walling Family Reunion**

The annual Walling Family Broadway. Reunion will be held on Satuntil 4 p.m., at the Irvine Ma- come to attend. sonic Lodge meeting room on

The meal will be potluck urday, July 19, 2014, 12 Noon All friends and family are wel-

Tuesday, July 22nd, 1-2:30pm **Blood Drive At Marcum Wallace**

What happens in Vegas \$10 Walmart gift card! stays in Vegas, but blood in Kentucky, where it saves Sport! lives at hospitals served by Kentucky Blood Center.

Area donors can save a life at the upcoming blood drive at Marcum & Wallace Hospital, Tuesday, July 22, 2014, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. on the KBC Bloodmobile, at 60 Mercy Courts in Irvine, and also be entered to win a trip to Las Vegas.

Every donor will receive a health, show a photo I.D.

Donate and be entered to donated in Kentucky stays win a blue Toyota Corolla

The trip promotion runs the month of July, and donors must be at least 18 years old to win.

To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

Blood donors must be 17years-old (16 with parental or Tom Bonny (606-723-5694) consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good

Thursday-Saturday, July 24th-26th **Back Porch Homecoming**

The Estill County Historical the time has changed to 6 p.m.) and Genealogical Society will The program will be given by host the Back Porch Home- Jerry Rose on the history of coming "the Internet Gang" Ravenna:. It is based on the at the Research Museum on recent book entitled: RAVEN-Broadway from Thursday, NA: L&N Railroad's "Gem of July 24 through Saturday, July a Rail Terminal and Town in 26, 2014.

This will be a time when people from various states, including Kentucky, can come Saturdays. There should be to Irvine for research of their a correction in the calendar family history.

The August Meeting at the Rainey Clark" should be Library will be Tuesday, Au- listed as "Nancy Ann Rainey gust 5 at 6 p.m. (Notice that Clark".

Saturday, July 26th @ 10am 89th Annual McKinney Reunion

The 89th Annual Reunion for viewing what others have Saturday, July 26, 2014, at Church in Spout Springs on and Clay City.

The schedule will be as folone of our ancestors, meet at Jackson's Chapel to caravan to the furnace; 10:45 a.m., the Church will be open for visit- Stay as long as you want. ing, for bringing exhibits and

of the descendants of Wil- brought. Everyone (young de McKinney will be held and old) is asked to bring a baby picture of himself or Jackson's Chapel Methodist herself and to bring baby pictures of any of his or her Highway 82 between Hargett ancestors. Any other antique pictures or photos of events in your lives this year are also lows: 10:00 a.m., anyone who welcome; 12:00 Noon, group wants to go to the Cottage picture; 12:15 p.m., eat and Furnace which was owned by visit. Pot luck dinner; 1:30 p.m., business meeting and hymn sing.

East-Central Kentucky.

The 2014 calendar is now

available at the Museum on

for the month of July: "Anne

Come as early as you can.

Saturday, July 26th **IHS 1964 Class Anniversary**

The Irvine High School with are: Alvin Ballard, Robert Class of 1964 will celebrate (Bobby) Farris, Myra French, the 50th anniversary of its Jimmy Hall, Alonzo Horn, graduation at Natural Bridge State Park on July 26th.

If you are a classmate of this Tipton, Ronnie Welch, Hargroup please contact either Tim Monson (859-224-2368) or thb@irvineonline.net).

The classmates that we have not been able to make contact

Sue Northern, Beverly Shearer, Donna Shearer, Margaret old Dean Wells, and Frankie Yeager. If anyone has contact information regarding any of these people, please let one of us know, or ask them to contact us.



Kitchen Diva **Cool Food** by ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS and GINA HARLOW

"As cool as a cucumber" is a much-used phrase, referring to a state of mind rather than the clean crunch of the pale-green flesh of a cucurbit, but it is true. There isn't a summer-fruiting food cooler than a cucumber. When the weather wilts you, a cucumber is nature's tasty refreshment.

Cucumbers are a member of a large, diverse family of summer ripening crops, including melons and squash. So it begs the question: Is it a fruit or vegetable? Because botanists define food that develops from the flower of a plant as fruit, cucumbers -- like tomatoes and many other surprising foods such as avocados, corn, beans and peas -- are, scientifically speaking, classified as fruit. With its unassuming flavor, cucumbers are versatile in ways that other fruits and vegetables aren't.

Cucumbers possess beneficial antioxidant compounds and are low in calories, and also offer these health benefits:

• Fight heat, both inside and out. Eat cucumber, and your body gets relief from heartburn. Apply cucumber to your skin, and you get relief from sunburn.

• Flush out toxins. All that water in cucumber acts as a virtual broom, sweeping waste products out of your system. With regular use, cucumber is known to help to dissolve kidney stones.

• Contain skin-friendly vitamins and minerals: Magnesium, potassium, silicon and vitamins A, B and C, which boost immunity, give you energy and keep you radiant. Give it more power by juicing cucumber with carrot and spinach.

• Cut cancer. Studies show that cucumber helps to reduce your risk of several different types of cancers.

• Stabilize blood pressure. Patients, with both high and low blood pressure, often find that eating cucumber brings relief.

• Refresh the mouth. Cucumber juice refreshes and heals diseased gums, leaving your mouth smelling good.

• Smooth hair and nails. Silica, the wonder mineral in cucumber, makes your hair and nails stronger and shinier.

• Soothe muscle and joint pain. All those vitamins and minerals make cucumber a powerful enemy of muscle and joint pain.

• Keep kidneys in shape. Cucumber lowers uric-acid levels in your system, keeping the kidneys happy.

• Good for diabetics, who can enjoy cucumber while reaping its health benefits: Cucumber contains a hormone needed by the cells of the pancreas to produce insulin.

• Reduces cholesterol. A compound called sterols in cucumber helps reduce bad cholesterol.

For all their wonderful qualities, cucumbers can, at times, be slightly bitter, and it's important when choosing them at the market to select smaller fruit. Cucumbers often are sprayed with pesticides, so use organic cucumbers as much as possible. Young cucumbers likely will have smaller seeds and are usually sweeter. English or hot house cucumbers are longer than most other varieties and have a thin, tender skin, so they are great to leave unpeeled.

When choosing cucumbers for pickling, look for the nubby, small cucumbers (often called "pickling cucumbers") for the best results. There also is an interesting type of cucumber called lemon cucumbers. They're called "lemon" not because of the taste, but because they are about the size of a lemon and yellow-colored when ripe.

When at their best, cucumbers of all kinds can bring a whole new type of cool to your summertime meals.

Cucumbers are the perfect addition to salads, slaws and other cold dishes. They add a fresh crispness to cool soups, which are especially good for warm season meals. Cucumbers can be shaped into interesting edible containers to hold more strongly flavored dips and stuffings.

Cucumbers of all varieties are loved for their texture as much as their taste. Since cucumbers are approximately 95 percent water, they could be considered a fibrous, pleasantly flavored thirst quencher. My simple recipe for Cucumber Lemonade is the perfect way to use cucumbers to refresh and rehydrate during the dog days of summer.



CUCUMBER LEMONADE

If you don't want to blend and strain your ingredients, slice the organic cucumber and lemon, combine them with the water and sugar and refrigerate for at least 4 hours to flavor the water.

5 cups cold water

1 large organic cucumber (peeled and cubed)

Juice of 1 large lemon

1/2 tablespoon stevia, honey or sugar, as desired

Using a blender, juicer or food processor, combine water and cucumber until mixture is smooth. Strain mixture over a pitcher or large bowl using a fine mesh strainer, and discarding the solids (you won't have to do this step if using a juicer). Combine cucumber mixture with lemon juice and stevia, honey or sugar. Pour over ice cubes, and serve immediately. Makes 2 large servings.

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