

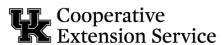
## Family and Consumer Sciences Newsletter Greetings From your FCS Agent

Happy Summer! I hope you are enjoying these summer months as much as I am. This is my absolute favorite time of year! I hope you are staying cool and hydrated. We celebrated the summer solstice with the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Longest Day of Play! Around 600 people came out, including 20 agencies and businesses. This is by far the biggest event that we host and it wouldn't be possible without our volunteers and partners. I want to especially give a shout out to Melanie Franks for volunteering to do the sand art activity! Melanie represented Carter County Homemakers and my FCS Advisory Council. I appreciate her willingness to serve!

Several Homemaker members were recognized in May at both the state and county annual meetings.

- Carter County Homemakers raised almost \$500 in 4-H scholarships, received the state membership increase award from 200-222 members, and received the state Coins for Change Award
- Membership Increase Award went to Denton/Willard Club
- Club of the Year was Lindsey-Pactolus Club
- Outstanding Volunteerism (nominated by members)-Dian Ratcliff, Shirley Carra, Janice Prezioso, Sue Tackett, and Dorothy Kiser
- 4-H Volunteer of the Year-Melanie Franks
- Volunteer Service Hours Awards-Dian Ratcliff (most overall), Jeanne Adkins, Janice Prezioso, Melanie Franks, Debbie Prichard, and Cindy Shin
- Club Volunteer Hour winners 1<sup>st</sup> Place Carter Caves and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Denton/Willard
- Cultural Arts Winners
  - State-Julie Lewis, Marcy Franks, Janice Prezioso
  - County-Janice Prezioso, Marcy Franks, and Linda Arnett.

Congrats to all of our award recipients!



#### Carter County Summer 2025

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## Mark your Calendars

- Laugh and Learn Beach Day-July 25
- Kids Day at the Farmers Market- July 28<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm Olive Hill
- Kids Day at the Farmers Market-July 31st 2-3pm Grayson
- Fair Exhibit Entries- August 5<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm Carter County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- Homemaker Opening Day-August 19<sup>th</sup> 10am
- Homemaker Leader Lesson Training-August 20<sup>th</sup> Greenup County Office 10am
- Laugh and Learn-August 29th (Grayson)
- Interagency Coalition-September 3<sup>rd</sup> @Carter County Health Department
- Homemaker Enrichment Camp-September 9-11th (I'm taking the van September 10<sup>th</sup> if we have enough interest)
- Farm and Family Field Day September 16th
- Mindfulness Hike at the Grayson Sports Park-September 25th
- Barn Quilt Class-September 27th (Deadline to register and pay is August 27th.



#### Kid's Day

In Olive Hill: Monday, July 28th 3:00PM

In Grayson: Thursday, July 31st 2:00PM Kid's Day is an opportunity for kids to participate in a few activities so they can earn "Kid's Bucks" to spend at the Farmer's Market



#### Pop-up Market

Chapel House & Friendship House

Tuesday, July 1st 5:00PM
Tuesday, August 5th 5:00PM
Tuesday, September 2nd 5:00PM
Tuesday, October 7th 5:00PM

#### Seasonal Hours

Grayson

Olive Hill

Thursday 2:00PM-Sell Out Saturday 9:00AM-Sell Out Monday 3:00PM-Sell Out Wednesday 8:00AM-Sell Out

## Homemaker News

- Please contact the office 474-6686 or email whitney.morrow@uky.edu with club officers, meeting day/time/location for the 2025-2026 year
- The Homemaker Annual Meeting was a huge success! Check out our Facebook group -Carter County Homemaker Members for pictures!
- The Leader Lesson Training will be in Greenup this year. At least one person from each club should attend. I will provide transportation if needed, but you will need to let us know when you call to register. I will cover the registration fee, but you are expected to come back and teach the lesson materials to your club. Each club will receive a binder with all materials. If you need additional copies of lessons, please contact the office with three days notice. I will plan on putting the publications in the newsletters, again this year so everyone will have them.
- If you are interested in going to Enrichment Camp at Flat Gap, even for just a day, please let me know ASAP. The next few pages have the information, but we have the registration in the office. I am planning on taking a group on Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> just for the day. We will leave the office at 7am. You can register for an all day class or both a morning and after noon. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested so you can reserve a space in the van and come to the office to pick up a registration packet, or I can email

you one!









# September 9-10-11, 2025

## Flat Gap, Kentucky Camp Caleb



We are so excited about this year's Enrichment Camp and want to welcome you aboard a journey to creativity Tuesday night after dinner we will have game night. Wednesday night brings the excitement of bingo and door camp is designed to energize us as we explore new skills, strengthen friendships, and have fun along the way prizes, and Thursday finish up more crafts and finalize unfinished projects—so pack your enthusiasm, bring wonderful days of crafting and enjoying each other's company! Just like a locomotive gathering steam, this connection, and fellowship for our Northeast Area. We're inviting you to "Come Ride & Train" for three your Homemaker spirit, and get ready to ride the rails of enrichment!

## Camp Schedule

# Tuesday, September 09

Afternoon Classes: 1:15pm-5:00pm Morning Classes: 8:15am-12:15pm Dinner & Game Night: 5:00pm Lunch: 12:15pm-1:15pm Registration: 8:00am

# Wednesday, September 10

Auction & Afternoon Classes: 1:00pm-5:00pm Morning Classes: 8:00am-12:00pm Breakfast: 7:00am-8:00am Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm Dinner & Bingo: 5:00pm

## Thursday, September 11

Please select your 1st and 2nd choice class for each morning

and afternoon session. Only pay for your 1st choice.

Afternoon Classes: 1:00pm-3:00pm Morning Classes: 8:00am-12:00pm Breakfast: 7:00am-8:00am Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm

'Thursday afternoon classes must break no later than 3:00pm

# MARTIN-GATTON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

#### Registration Option 1: Overnight Camper Full Registration (includes all nights & all meals) \$85.00 Option 2: Day Camper (meals not included, please choose your meals below) Tuesday Registration Wednesday Registration Thursday Registration Choose Your Meals Tuesday Lunch Tuesday Dinner Wednesday Breakfast Wednesday Lunch Wednesday Dinner Thursday Breakfast Thursday Lunch Day Camper Registration/Meal Tot Option 3: 1 Night only (meals not included, please choose you Tuesday Night Wednesday Night \* If you come for a day you have not registered pay \$10.00 plus any meals. You cannot take a **Total Registration** Total Classes **Grand Total**

	\$10.00	Cardboard Baskets	\$3.00
	\$10.00	Diamond Art	\$4.00
	\$10.00	Storage Caddle	\$10.00
	25-00-00/00/1905	Tuesday Afternoon Classes:	
		Punch Needle	\$12.00
	\$7.00	Swedish Weaving for Beginners	\$5.00
	\$10.00	Fairy Garden	\$8.00
	\$7.00	Wednesday Morning Classes:	
	\$7.00	Wool Applique	\$15.00
	\$10.00	Shelf Sitters	\$5.00
	\$7.00	Plant Stand	\$15.00
	\$7.00	Wednesday Afternoon Classes:	
		Beginner Embroidery	\$10.00
1	\$	Macrame Plant Hanger	\$8.00
		Cards with Marena	\$10.00
		Wednesday All Day Classes:	
r meals above)		Basket Weaving	\$25.00
	\$20.00	Small Table Topper	\$10.00
	\$20.00	Tree Farm Table Runner	\$5.00
		Beginner Paper Plecing	\$12.00
		Thursday Morning Classes:	
for, you will b	e required to	Seasonal Center Piece	\$6.50
lass as we are	pre-registered.	Tatted Necklace	\$2.00
		Quilt As You Go Baby Quilt	\$0.00
		Thursday Afternoon Classes:	
\$		3 Drawer Storage Cubie	\$12.00
\$		Barn Quilt on Canvas	\$8.00
		Composition Notebook Fabric Cover	\$7.00

Tuesday Morning Classes:

NOTE: Overnight campers will likely share a bed with another person since we have limited accommodations at Camp Caleb. All classes and room choices are assigned on first come basis as payment is received.

# Tuesday Morning Classes

## Cardboard Baskets by Sharon Fields

baskets that will look like wood mixture you will learn to make They will be similar to picture. Using cardboard and a liquid

Cost: \$3.00

Supplies to bring: All supplies will be provided by Class Limit: 15 the instructor

Kit available: Yes

Diamond Art

by Kelly York

## by Carolyn Gilliam

threading the needle to making the stitches. Cost \$12.00

Supplies to bring. scissors Kit available: No

Class Limit: 8

Wednesday Morning Classes

Wednesday Afternoon Classes

## Wool Applique

## by Kathy King

You will learn applique stitches and make a pillow top or wall

nanging

Cost: \$15.00

Class Limit: 7

Instructor will supply: pattern, wool, thread, iron, Supplies to bring: scissors and a thimble

Kit available: No needles



Beginning Embroidery Will learn basic stitches and make a by Rathy Ring small sampler Cost: \$10.00 Supplies to bring: All supplies will be provided by instructor, all-hoop, needles, thread, patterns, snips, instructions Kit available: No

Class Limit: 10

# Macrame Plant Hanger

14 Kelly York

ou will learn beginner macrame mots and make a plant hanger

Class Limit: 10

Supplies to bring: All supplies will be provided by nstructor

Kit available: Yes if preordered



20st: \$8.00

## You will learn how to heat emboss Cards with Marena by Marena Cook

(more if time allows) that you will be proud to send to your friends. These are high quality cards that would cost you \$7 to \$10 in a card shop. Card colors may will learn how to use stamps and ink to create you vary due to availability of products at camp time. own design paper. You will make at least 3 cards to add sparkle to your cards. You

Cost: \$10.00

Class Limit: 10

Skill Level: Intermediate

Supplies to bring: Paper cutting scissors and put on your Happy Face and be eager to create beautiful cards.

Kit available: No

# Tuesday Afternoon Classes

## Punch Needle

We will be using a kit to learn how to Punch Needle from Instructor will supply; all other supplies

### by Shirley Carra Shelf Sitters

Swedish Weaving

or Beginners

by Janice Prezioso

You will make shelf sitters

using terra cotta pots. Cost: \$5.00

Supplies to bring: All supplies provided by instructor Kit available: Yes Class Limit; 12

## Plant Stand

Supplies to bring. Sewing scissors, blunt cross

Class Limit: 25

Cost: \$5.00

bookmarks. Can make 1 to 3.

Participants will learn basic

stitches as they make

do Diamond Art painting. Using a kit, learn how to

Similar to picture.

Cost: \$4.00

instructor will supply; aida cloth, embroidery

floss, and directions

Kit available: Yes

stitch needle or a size 22 tapestry needle.

Supplies to bring. All supplies will be provided.

Class Limit: 15

Kit available: Yes

by Jane Triplett

You will make a plant stand for everyday use. Cost: \$15.00



Supplies to bring: Instructor will provide everything. Kit available: No

everything.

Kit available: No



to use for storage in any area you want. You will make a small wood caddie

Storage Caddie

by Amelia Godfrey & Pam Blanton



Class Limit: 10

Supplies to bring: The instructor will supply Class: Limit 10

> Supplies to bring: Small fron, glue gun, any picture you want to add to the project. Picture can be on a

Class Limit: 10

Cost. \$10.00

napkin or any type of paper. If you have a pic you

want copied send it to Meme6968@yahoo.com.

Kit available: Yes

# Wednesday All Day Classes

## Snack Basket

## by Janice Preziono

Weave a snack basket

Class Limit: 10 Cost: \$25.00

Instructor will supply: Kits will be supplied, colors Supplies to bring: Weaving tools or sharp scissors water, towel sheet of sandpaper, clothespins, wire regular flat screwdriver, spray bottle and pan for ties (from bread bags) sandwich bag (one that seals) measuring tape or ruler, pencils Kit available: No may vary.

### Small Table Topper y Claudine Williamson

dake a star hexagon table topper Cost: \$10.00

Class Limit: 5

cutting mat if you have one, 24" clear quilting ruler. Supplies to bring: Sewing machine, rotary cutter, white thread, basic sewing supplies

Instructor will supply: kits with the required fabric Kit available: No

#### able Runner ree Farm



Class Limit: 12

20st: \$6.50

This is a beautiful table runner

Class Limit: 10 oliday table. Cost: \$5.00

Skill Level: Intermediate

Supplies to bring:

fabric each of 2 various greens, 3 1/2" x 21 x WOF each of 5 various greens. 1/2 yd of ivory, 1/3 yd for border, 11/2" x 21 fabrics each of 7 various reds, 31/2" x 21 otary cutter, ruler, optional iron and small ironing sewing machine and sewing supplies, cutting mat, 3/8 yd for binding, 58" x 21" for backing,

instructor will supply: batting and pattern

Supplies to bring: a Large Tatting needle either a

Kit available: No

size 3 or 5

Kit available: No

#### Beginner Paper Piecing

## y Toni Madison

oiecing projects by end of class, you can add to a We will learn to paper piece. We will complete 2 or more small paper

table runner, quilt, pillow or make more on your own and complete a quilt Cost: \$12.00

Class Limit: 15

Skill Level: Beginner

small cutting mat, iron and pressing mat if you have Supplies to bring: Sewing machine, thread, notions, them. You may bring a scrap bag of fabric or small sieces of fabric if you want your own choices.

instructor will supply: Patterns, piecing tools, add quarter ruler & fabric.

Kit available: No

Thursday Morning Classes

## Quilt As You Go Baby Quilt

sy Brenda Blackburn

earn the quilt as you go technique and make a baby

Cost: 0

Class Limit: 10

Large size will make 2 quilts) 11/2 yards for backing Supplies to bring: sewing machine, iron, Jelly roll and binding, and crib size batting.

## Kit available - No

out and paint a barn quilt on a 12×12 canvas using a You will learn how to draw

instructor

Kit available: No

# by Carolyn Gilliam

### on Canvas Barn Quilt

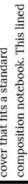
grid method. Cost: \$8.00 Class Limit: 10

Supplies to bring: All supplies will be provided by

## **Composition Notebook** Fabric Cover

## Cathy Harville

Participants will sew a fabric



Supplies to bring: Sewing machine, clips or pins, hand needle, scissors, point turner, and seam

Instructor will supply: Kit will include: precut fabric, interfacing, elastic, matching thread,

Kit available: Yes if preordered

cover that fits a standard



closure. It makes an excellent birthday gift, teacher cover includes a pocket for your pen and an elastic gift, auction item, or your very own prayer journal. Cost: \$7.00

Class Limit: 6

pattern, composition notebook and pen.

## Thursday Afternoon Classes 3 Drawer Storage Cubie by Amelia Godfrey E Pam Blanton

a 3 drawer storage for anywhere in the home Using wooden crates to make Cost: \$12

Supplies to bring: All supplies will be provided by

Kit available: No

the instructor

Make a seasonal centerpiece

by Shirley Corra Center Piece

Seasonal

Class Limit: 10

of what you want to add to the project it can be on Supplies to bring: A small iron, glue gun, A picture napkin or regular copy or rice paper

If you need it printed you can email it to

Kit available: Yes--5

Learn how to use a tatting needle

and make a necklace.

Class Limit: 10

Cost: \$2.00

atted Necklace

by Sherry Burchett

# Meme6968@yahoo.com



Cooperative Extension Service

Fall 2025

## HOMEMAKER LEADER LESSON TRAINING

August 20, 2025

10am-2pm

# **Greenup County Extension Office**

Self-Care: Strengthening Family and Community Mental Health Matters

Yoga-ta Try This!

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**Fransportation** is provided for Boyd

and Carter County.

For Boyd, Carter, and Greenup

Homemaker Members.





Call your County Extension Office

to register by August 13th

unch is provided









Call (606) 474-6686 to Outdoor Signs:2x2=\$130, 3x3=\$190, 4x4+\$270

Carter County Extension Office, 1st Building

9am-3pm

BY: LIZ'S BARN QUILTS Saturday September 27, 2025

Paint Party

Barn Quilt

Must be paid in full by August 27th Sorry, No refunds on missed event-alternate arrangements will be available.

Lunch ( Please let us know of any dietary needs)

Paint colors can be decided day of event

 All supplies (board, brushes, paint, etc.) Boards primed and ready to paint



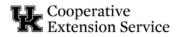
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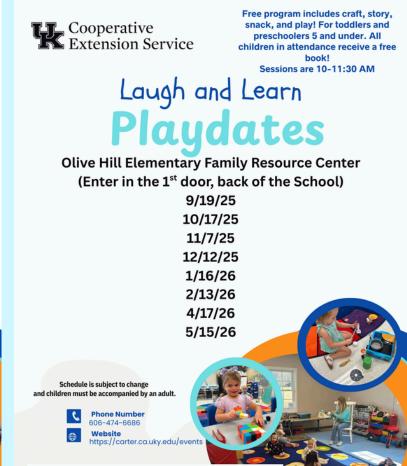
FREE program includes craft, story, snack, and play! For toddlers and preschoolers 5 and under. All children in attendance receive a free book!

Sessions are 10-11:30 AM

## Laugh and Learn Playdates

Carter County Extension Office-Grayson (Located in the 1<sup>st</sup> building facing US 60)





#### **Books/Themes**

July (Just Grayson)- *Otto Goes to the Beach* by Todd Parr, Beach Day and Water play!

August (Just Grayson) *Fall Apples: Crisp and Juicy* by Martha Rustad

September-Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise and Felicia Bond

October- How Big Could Your Pumpkin Grow by Windell Minor

November-10 Fat Turkeys by Tony Johnston

December-Gingerbread Baby by Jan Bret

January-*Cars and Trucks and Things that Go* by Richard Scarry

February-*Whose Hat is This* by Sharon Katy Cooper and May Bailey Muehlenhardt

March (Just Grayson)-Over the Jungle by Marianne Berkes

April-Rachel's Day in the Garden by Giselle Shardlow

May- Wake Up, Sun by David L. Harrison-beach

Months where there are two meetings in Grayson will include special activities such as holiday parties and field trips!



Prize list for all winners will consist of: Blue Ribbon-First Place Red Ribbon-Second Place White Ribbon-Third Place

Cash premiums: 1st \$3.00, 2nd \$2.00, 3rd \$1.00.

#### CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT CATEGORIES CARTER COUNTY FAIR

All entries must be homemade and created in the last two years and be family friendly in nature. The Carter County Fair Board and Extension Service are not responsible for any lost or damaged items.

- 1. SEWING (Apparel & Home Décor
  - a. Basic Garment APPAREL
  - b. Specialty1 Garment APPAREL
  - c. Accessory APPAREL
  - d. Basic HOME DECOR
  - e. Specialty1 HOME DÉCOR
- b. and e. "Specialty" may include appliqued and quilted.
- 2. ART, 3-Dimensional
  - a. Carving
  - b. Sculpture
- 3. ART, NATURAL
  - a. Wood
  - b. Other
- 4. ART, RECYCLED (Include a before picture)
  - a. Clothing
  - b. Household
  - c. Other
- BASKETRY
  - a. Cane
  - b. Dyed Material
  - c. Miniature (under 4 inch)
  - d. Novelty
  - e. Plain
- 6. BEADING
  - a. Bead Weaving
  - b. Non-jewelry Item/Wearable
  - c. Miscellaneous
- 7. CERAMICS
  - a. Hand-formed
  - b. Molded
  - c. Pre-made
- 8. COUNTED CROSS STITCH
  - a. 14 Count & Under
  - b. 16-22 Count
  - c. Specialty Cloth (linens, etc.)

- 9. CROCHET
  - a. Accessories
  - b. Fashion
  - c. Home Décor and Afghans
  - d. Thread
- 10. DOLL/TOY MAKING
  - a. Cloth
  - b. Handmade Toy other than Porcelain/China or Cloth
  - c. Porcelain/China
- 11. DRAWING
  - a. Pastels
  - b. Pen and Ink
  - c. Pen and Ink with Oil Rouging
  - d. Pencil or Charcoal-Black
  - e. Pencil-Color
- 12. EMBROIDERY
  - a. Basic
  - b. Candle Wicking
  - c. Crewel
  - d. Machine
  - e. Ribbon
  - f. Smocking
  - g. Swedish
  - h. Tatting/Lace Making
  - i. Chicken Scratch
  - j. Punch Needle (under 60"
    - perimeter)
  - k. Miscellaneous
- 13. FELTING\*
- a. Needle Method
- b. Wet Method
- 14. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
  - a. Autumn
- b. Spring
- c. Summer

## **CULINARY EXHIBIT CATEGORIES** CARTER COUNTY FAIR

must be processed and sealed according to the USDA standards (contact the Carter County FCS <u>CANNED FOODS</u>
All canned entries must be preserved in standard canning jars and sealed lids. All canned food Extension Agent if you have questions about the process). Any unsealed or rusty lids will be disqualified. All entries must have been processed within the last year.

appearance and proper headspace. Canned foods can either be auctioned or picked up on For health and safety purposes the Carter County Fair Judges will judge canned items by

		Saturday.
JELLIES		21. Corn Relish
7	Strawberry	22. Any other relish
N	. Apply	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
(1)	. Grape	23. Applesauce
4	. Hot Pepper	24. Blackberries
ш)	. Blackberry	25. Peaches
e	6. Raspberry	26. Pears
7	7. Any other Jelly	27. Any other fruit
MARMA	MARMALADE AND JAMS	28. Green Beans
1.	Orange Marmalade	29. Corn
2. \$	Strawberry Jam	30. Tomatoes Red
Э. Е	Blackberry Jam	31. Tomatoes-other color
4. F	Raspberry Jam	32. Tomato juice
5. 4	Apple Butter	33. Any other vegetable
6. 4	Any other jam	
7. 5	Strawberry Preserves	
8.	Cherry Preserves	
9. E	<ol><li>Blackberry Preserves</li></ol>	
10.1	10. Tomato Preserves	
11. /	11. Any other preserves or butter	
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14. Bread and Butter Pickles

PICKLES AND RELISHES

12. Pickled Beets 13. Sweet Pickles

16. Any other Pickles

15. Dill Pickles

17. Chili Sauce

18. Salsa 19. Chow Chow 20. Pickled Relish

d. Winter	f. Machine Pieced (hand quilted)
15. JEWELRY	g. Machine Pieced (machine
a. Beaded	quilted)
b. Mixed Media (wire, chain,	h. Novelty (stenciled,
mixed with beads)	embroidered, miniature,
c. Original Design	etc.) (hand quilted)
16. KNITTING (HAND – with knitting	i. Novelty (stenciled,
needles)	embroidered, miniature,
a. Accessories	etc.) (machine quilted)
b. Fashion	j. Technology Based (hand or
c. Home Décor and Afghans	machine quilted)
17. KNITTING (OTHER – machine /	k. Miscellaneous (hand or
loom)	machine quilted)
18. NEEDLEPOINT	23. PAPER CRAFTING
a. Cloth Canvas	a. Card Making
b. Plastic	b. Origami
19. PAINTING, ART	c. Quilling
a. Acrylic	d. Scrapbooking
b. Oil	
c. Watercolor	24. RUG MAKING
20. PAINTING, DECORATIVE	a. Braided
a. Metal	b. Hooked
b. Wood	c. Punch Needle, rug (over
c. Other	60" perimeter)
21. PHOTOGRAPHY (mounted or	d. Woven
framed) **	25. WALL or DOOR HANGING
a. Black & White	a. Fabric
b. Color	b. Other
22. QUILTS	c. Diamond Art Mosaic
a. Baby-size or Lap-size (hand	26. WEAVING
quilted)	a. Hand (macrame, caning)
b. Baby-size or Lap-size	b. Loom (includes pin
(machine quilted)	weaving)
c. Hand Applique (hand	27. SOAP
quilted)	28. POETRY
d. Hand Pieced (hand	29. MISCELLANEOUS (Items not
quilted) e. Machine Appliqué	included in other categories listed,
(machine quilted)	otherwise they will be disqualified.)



# HEALTH BULLETIN



## JULY 2025

Family Caregiver Health Bulletins: of the Adult, Youth, Parent, and Download this and past issues http://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/ content/health-bulletins

# WHAT IS ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME? THIS MONTH'S TOPIC



| Ipha-gal Syndrome (AGS) is a severe allergy that can happen after a tick bite. eat red meat or use products derived from It causes allergic reactions when people animals, such as cows, pigs, or deer.

made from other parts of those animals, including contact with alpha-gal in the future. It can happen allergic reaction each time the person comes into can transfer a small amount of alpha-gal into the Ticks carry a sugar molecule called alpha-gal which is also in red meat. When the tick bites, it person. In some people, this causes an immune when they eat red meat, such as beef, pork, or venison, or come into contact with products response. The immune response triggers an dairy products, gelatin, or beauty products.

In the United States, Lone Star ticks are the most common transmitters of alpha-





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gal to humans. While it is possible for anyone adults react more commonly than children. to be bitten by a tick and have a reaction,

The best way to avoid getting AGS is to avoid and thick woods, and walk in the center of trails. proof clothing. If possible, stay out of tall grass trees or shrubbery, use tick spray or wear ticktick bites! If you are going into areas of dense

shower and look for ticks on your body and your skin, clothes, and pets for ticks. Take a After coming in from outdoors, check always remove any ticks right away.

illness may be related. It is important to get medical If you develop symptoms of a food allergy after them about your tick bite, to help them see if your a tick bite, contact your doctor. Make sure to tell treatment for food allergy symptoms, even if the symptoms happen several hours after eating.

swallow, or have full-body redness and warmth. you have trouble breathing, called anaphylaxis, have symptoms of a serious allergic reaction. If or a constricted airway, rapid pulse, are feeling Get emergency medical treatment if you dizzy or light-headed, drooling, not able to

In order to diagnose you, a doctor may ask daily habits, take a blood sample for alpha-gal about your symptoms, medical history, and

antibody testing, or recommend allergy testing to confirm or rule out other potential allergens.

diagnosis. They can also refer you to other healthcare specialists, such as a dietitian, mental health If you are diagnosed with AGS, see an allergy help develop a plan to help you cope with your specialize in treating allergic reactions and can therapist, or home health service if needed. doctor, known as an allergist, for help. They

Other recommendations for people living with new tick bites, as they can make the allergy worse. AGS include avoiding eating red meat (beef, pork, medicine or vaccines. It is also important to avoid lamb, deer, rabbit), and avoiding other potential products. Talk to a doctor before taking any new sources of alpha-gal from animal products such products. Read labels carefully to avoid trigger as dairy products, gelatin, and certain beauty

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