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“New Jessamine County Extension Office Facility Holds Open House”

On December 12 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., the Jessamine County Extension Office will offer Jessamine County residents an open house with refreshments and a tour of their new County Extension Office, located at Nicholasville/Jessamine County Park, adjacent to the Ag Learning Center (near the County Fairgrounds). Jessamine County Fiscal Court and the County Extension Council are sponsors of the open house.

Members of the County Extension Council will provide tours of the new facility as well as the adjoining Ag Learning Center meeting facility (12,000 square feet in all). The “highlight” of the new facility, according to County Extension Agent Rob Amburgey, is a certified commercial kitchen. Training and workshops sessions will be offered in the commercial kitchen; the kitchen will also be rented in four hour blocks at \$7 per hour. Small businesses as well as those interested in preserving and canning their own food will benefit from the facility.

The additional classroom space afforded by the facility is another one of the building’s major benefits, according to Amburgey. “Our first event, even before the grand opening event, will be a 17 county meeting on December 10 for extension agents and extension office staff members. We’ll work the kinks out with that meeting, I guess, and then we’ll be ready to give taxpayers a tour of their new facility.”

The Jessamine County Extension Office’s “2007 Annual Report to the People” reported that it reached 68,775 clientele through visits, telephone consultations, mailings and/or educational programming.

In addition to providing funding for the new facility, Jessamine County Fiscal Court provides approximately 90% of the County Extension Office’s operating costs. “Almost everyone in our county benefits from the Extension Office in some way,” said Jessamine County Judge/Executive Wm. Neal Cassity.

For more information, call 859-885-4811.