# Bring the garden to your next gathering

**by Melinda Myers**

Make every dining experience fun and flavorful by including garden fresh herbs, vegetables and flowers in your meals. Allowing guests to harvest and season their drinks, entrees and sides from the garden or container creates an interactive experience they are sure to remember.

Start your gathering with a review of the menu and a tour of the gardens. Provide guests with a harvest basket and snips so they can collect all their favorite ingredients. Or gather an assortment of herbs and vegetables in advance and display them in containers for your family and guests to make their own selections.

Include a few herbs and vegetables that can be blended, muddled or added to yours and your guests' favorite beverage. Use the hollow stems of lovage as a straw for tomato juice or bloody Mary. You'll enjoy the celery flavor this edible straw provides. Provide mint, basil or rosemary leaves to flavor iced tea and lemonade. Just set the herbs near the beverage table for easy access, provide needed utensils, and herbal cocktail recipes.

Bring the garden to the party by placing a few containers of herbs, edible flowers and vegetables on your balcony, patio, deck or near the grill. Use small herb containers as edible centerpieces and add a pair of garden scissors or snips. Label the plants, offer seasoning suggestions, and allow your family and guests to season the meal to their taste when it arrives. Remind guests to adjust the quantity of herbs used to allow for the difference in flavor intensity of fresh verses dried herbs. In general, you will need two to three times more fresh than dried herbs.

Add a bit of color and unique flavor to the meal with edible flowers. Pick the flowers early in the day when they are at their peak and taste best. Wash them by dipping the flower in a bowl of water and gently shaking. Remove the bitter tasting base of the petal and the reproductive parts from larger flowers before preparing.

Make sure the flowers you select are edible and free of pesticides. Let your guests know they can eat the flowers, or you'll end up with a pile of petals on the side of every plate. Try nasturtium and daylily blossoms stuffed with cream cheese; calendula, pansy, and borage petals sprinkled on salad; chive flowers for baked potatoes; and mint leaves on top of a slice of chocolate cake.

Harvest your garden and containers regularly to keep plants looking good and producing.

Cut the outer leaves of leaf lettuce when they are four to six inches tall to keep the plant growing new leaves.

Pick peppers and tomatoes when fully ripe, so the plant continues flowering and forming new fruit. Remove faded flowers as needed to keep flowering plants covered with blooms.

## *Strumming up the music*

**Fire Chief Barry Alexander (left) kept time as M.J Haddix, Tyler Mullins and David Bailey played gospel and folk music at the Senior Center in Warsaw, last Friday. They were playing at the Center's annual July open house. Photo by Kelley Warnick**

# Kentucky Fish and Wildlife helps public become BearWise

As young male black bears disperse from their primary range in eastern Kentucky during summer months, biologists and game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources want to remind the public that sightings are possible across the state.

"We typically hear about sightings of black bears in unusual areas in early summer as they roam out of mountain counties," said John Hast, Bear Program coordinator. "These juvenile bears can easily wander into populated areas, even city centers, because they don't yet know any better. Confused and scared, they may hide during the day and exit the area at night. Residents should keep their distance, remove all food sources and let the bear move on when he feels safe to do so."

In early summer, young male bears may get pushed out of areas where they were raised in eastern Kentucky by older and more dominant male bears. These juveniles may wander up to several weeks or more into unfamiliar territory in search of good habitat and prospective mates before returning to the mountains. Bears can travel 20 miles or more in a day if undisturbed.

Black bears have a natural fear of people and dogs, and adverse encounters are extremely rare. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife advises the public to never approach or feed a bear, which can result in a negative encounter. If you encounter a bear, keep a safe distance and don't approach it.

If you feel a bear is posing an immediate danger, call local law enforcement immediately.

Residents of an area where a bear has been spotted should secure their garbage in a garage or other building, not leave pet food outside, and clean and securely store barbecue grills. These are all best practices in general for people to prevent problems with wildlife. Also, people should not use bird feeders in bear range or in areas where they have been recently observed. It is a violation of Kentucky law to feed bears, or knowingly leave unsecured food available for them to consume.

In Kentucky, hunting bears is regulated and limited to defined seasons in the established bear zones in eastern Kentucky to ensure a sustainable and healthy population.

For more information about black bears, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Black Bears webpage on its website at fw.ky.gov, or visit BearWise.org.

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# Public Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**
**ORDINANCE 2025- 05**
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARSAW, IN GALLATIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, CREATING NEW SECTION 73.25 OF THE WARSAW CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF "STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES" AS DEFINED BY KRS CHAPTER 186 ON HIGHWAYS AND STREETS IN THE CITY OF WARSAW, AND ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR THEIR OPERATION.**

**WHEREAS,** the 1995 Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 63 to authorize local governments to adopt ordinances to allow "street-legal special purpose vehicles" as defined by KRS Chapter 186 to operate upon highways within its jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 63 contains equipment requirements for and restricts operation of "street-legal special purpose vehicles" on all highways, including those in local governments that allow operation by ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Warsaw determines that the operation of "street-legal special purpose vehicles" on authorized highways is beneficial to the city and its residents;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Warsaw reserves its right to impose additional restrictions on the operation of "street-legal special purpose vehicles";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WARSAW, KENTUCKY, as follows:

**SECTION 1**: New Section 73.25 of the Warsaw Code of Ordinances is created to read as follows:

**A. DEFINITIONS** as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meaning:
(1) "Cabinet" means the Kentucky Department of Transportation;
(2) "Highway" shall have the same meaning as defined in KRS 186 (2);
(3) "Prohibited equipment" means any equipment installed on a street-legal special purpose vehicle that is prohibited by state law or City ordinance;
(4) a. "Special purpose vehicle" means an all-terrain vehicle, utility terrain 10 vehicle, minitruck, pneumatic-tired military vehicle, or full-size special purpose-built vehicle, including a vehicle that is self-constructed or built by the original equipment manufacturer and a vehicle that has been modified.
b. "Special purpose vehicle" does not include a low-speed vehicle as defined in KRS 186.010 or a vehicle primarily used for farm or agricultural activities.
(5) "Street-legal special purpose vehicles" are those special purpose vehicles that qualify under Section B., below.

**B. AUTHORIZED USE**
(1) Effective upon adoption, approval and publication of this Ordinance, "street-legal special purpose vehicles" as defined by Senate Bill 63 and codified in KRS Chapter 186 and in this Ordinance, shall be authorized to operate on the streets, roads and highways within the City of Warsaw.
(2) Operation of "street-legal special purpose vehicles" shall be subject to state law requirements and restrictions, and are equipped with all of the following:
a. One (1) or more headlamps;
b. One (1) or more tail lamps;
c. One (1) or more brake lamps;
d. A trail lamp or other lamp constructed and placed to illuminate the registration plate with a white light;
e. One (1) or more red reflectors on the rear of the vehicle;
f. An amber electric turn system, one (1) on each side of the front of the vehicle;
g. Amber or red electric turn signals on the rear of the vehicle;
h. A braking system, other than a parking brake;
i. A horn or other warning device;
j. A working muffler;
k. Rearview mirrors on the right and left side of the driver;
l. A windshield, unless the operator of the vehicle wears eye protection while operating the vehicle;
m. A speedometer, illuminated for nighttime operation;
n. A roll bar or roll cage;
o. For multi-passenger vehicles a seatbelt assembly that conforms to the federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49C.F.R. sec. 571.209 for each designated seating position; and
p. Tires that have at least two thirty-seconds (2/32) of an inch or greater tire tread.
(3) Street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than twenty (20) miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings.
(4) Minitrucks shall not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on a highway that has been constructed pursuant to a federal highway program.
(5) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a street-legal special purpose vehicle shall:
a. Be registered in accordance with Section 3 of SB 63;
b. Be insured by the owner or operator for the payment of tort liabilities in the same form and amounts as set forth in KRS 304.39-110 for motorcycles, and shall provide proof of insurance; and
c. Comply with all other requirements of the law.
(6) Upon registration of any street-legal special purpose vehicle under this Ordinance, the County Clerk shall issue the owner a motorcycle registration plate for the vehicle.
(7) Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall have an inspection completed by a certified inspector as required by Section 5 of SB 63.
(8) An applicant renewing his or her registration for a street-legal special purpose vehicle pursuant to Section 3 of SB 63 shall certify that the street-legal special purpose vehicle still meets all of the equipment requirements in subsection B. (2) of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2**: This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and approval according to law and publication thereafter.

**SECTION 3**: All Ordinances or parts of any Ordinances in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict, if any, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4**: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any such provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provisions hereof, and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect as longs as they remain valid in the absence of that provision determined to be invalid.

**SECTION 5**: The foregoing Ordinance was read, passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Warsaw, Kentucky, meeting in Regular Session on the 9th day of JUNE, 2025 and in Regular Session on the 14th day of JULY, 2025, with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions, was approved by the Mayor, and was ordered published in summary according to law.

APPROVED:
/s/Charlie "CE" French
MAYOR CHARLIE "CE" FRENCH
ATTEST:
/s/Carolyn Caldwell
CAROLYN CALDWELL, City Clerk
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