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## **Kid's Fun Day**

4-H is now over 100 years old, and the 4-H Motto is "Make the Best Better." The Poke Sallet Festival is now 56 years old and 4-H Fun Day has been around as long as I can remember. My children always looked forward to the 4-H Kids' Fun Day as the official kick off for the Poke Sallet Festival. 4-H Kids' Fun Day has changed somewhat from the earliest event I can recall. The UK Cooperative Extension Service and the Harlan County 4-H Council has been the only sponsor I remember. Perhaps Harlan Daily Enterprise Readers may know more of this history. This year's event will mark the ninth year we have celebrated Kids' Fun Day at Harlan Huff Park. We outgrew the Court House Lawn, and we are adding more and more activities each year.

This will also mark the ninth year we have given away Poke Sallet 4-H Kids' Fun Day T-Shirts. The first one thousand in attendance will receive a free t-shirt. In addition to t-shirts, there will be free toothbrushes for all the children. We will have egg toss and sack races. We will have free temporary tattoos, hula hoop contests, and face painting. Games will be found at the exhibit and demonstration booths.

In addition to the above Extension Service fanfare, other organizations will feature displays and exhibits. The following will have displays, exhibits or demonstrations:

- Cindy Howard – Toothbrushes
- Kentucky State Police
- Southeast Community College Adult Education
- Cumberland Hope Center
- Harlan County Health Department
- Harlan County Sheriff's Department and Chaplains' Corps
- Harlan City Police
- Harlan EMS
- Harlan ARH
- Cancer Coalition
- Harlan County Public Schools
- Harlan City Fire Department
- Harlan Public Library
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Fish and Wildlife
- KCEOC
- Farm Bureau

The biggest attractions for this year's Fun Day will be the addition of inflatable type games. These inflatables are courtesy of Judge Joe Grieshop, Harlan County Government and the Harlan County Cooperative Extension Service. If we have left out any organization presenting,

please accept our apology, and come on down to Kids' Fun Day and see what else may be going on. An event like this takes many volunteers and much hard work to make it successful, including the whole Cooperative Extension Staff, the Family Resource Centers, Drug Court, the Hope Center and all those who volunteer to help we want to say thank you.. If you want to volunteer to help with Fun Day just give any of us a call at the Harlan County Cooperative Extension Service at 573-4464 or 273-0835. This year's 4-H Kid's Fun Day will be Wednesday June 1, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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