Hardin County Extension News Release

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Bugs, Birds, and Bees! Oh My!

Hardin County – Children will have the opportunity to experience ‘Bugs, Birds, and Bees! Oh My!’ at the Children’s Day at the Friendship Gardens sponsored by the Hardin County OSU Extension Master Gardeners. This educational activity is planned for children ages Kindergarten – 5th grade and will take place Saturday, June 13 at the Friendship Gardens of Hardin County. The program will start at 10:00 am and end at 12:30 pm. The gardens are located behind the Harco Industries building at 960 Kohler Street in Kenton.

The children’s program will feature six learning stations throughout the morning. Learning stations include: Good Bugs & Bad Bugs in the Garden, Here Comes the Sun (Using a Sundial), Raptors (Black Swamp Raptors will have a live Bald Eagle), The Benefits of Bats, Bees (the Great Pollinators), and a craft station. Each child will be making a ‘Mr. Grass Head’ craft to take home. Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa are welcome to stay and watch. Refreshments will be served.

This event is FREE to children, but limited space is available so please sign-up by June 1st. Call the OSU Extension office at 419-674-2297 or access the registration form at hardin.osu.edu to enable your children to participate in this event. In case of rain, the event will be held indoors at Harco Industries, which is located at 705 North Ida Street, next to the Simon Kenton School.

The OSU Extension Master Gardeners is a group of trained volunteers who conduct educational programs related to gardening and other horticultural topics to the public. The group has an educational garden called ‘The Friendship Gardens of Hardin County.’ This garden is located at 960 Kohler Street in Kenton, which is behind the Harco Industries building. Volunteers are available to conduct education programs by contacting the Extension office. The Master
Gardeners also have a Facebook page called Hardin County OSU Extension Master Gardeners where members of the public can submit photos of weeds, insects, or diseases and ask gardening or horticultural questions about trees, shrubs, ornamental plants, turf, and landscaping ideas.

*Photo caption: Youngsters plant flowers at last year’s Children’s Day at the Friendship Gardens.*