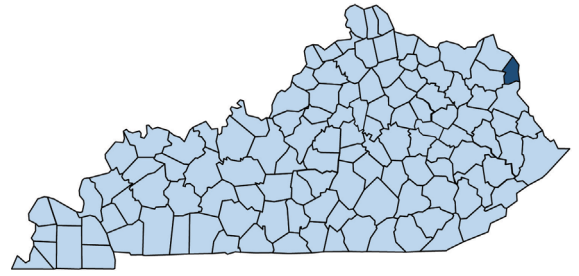


REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



Boyd County 2021



DID YOU KNOW... With a population of 48,261, 20% of Boyd County residents are over the age of 65, 3.5% higher than national average



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Agriculture and Natural Resources



Unloading hay for Farm Relief Effort

393

Number of people who gained knowledge of forage production, management and/or profitability which could include species, best management practices for species, forage harvest and storage, pasture renovation.

700

Number of people who increased their knowledge of Ag Policy including: Farm Bill and Environmental issues.

Family and Consumer Sciences

The FCS programs, including Extension Homemaker programs, this year were a mixed bag of virtual and in-person offerings. As we “opened back up,” so to speak, we found an interest in skill areas, so programs were offered. These included sewing classes, as well as a renewed interest in the UFO program (Un-Finished Objects). Our two Certified Master Clothiers offered, and still are regularly, these programs as well as a youth sewing program. The Mat Project continued, even with restricted gatherings, as many participants continued this work at home. This program recycles plastic bags into weatherproof mats which are given to the homeless in our area to provide a dry place to sleep at night. The Homemakers also participated in the Build-A-Bed community program by raising funds for, and donating, materials to build beds for youth in the community, as well as making 11 twin size quilts to go with 11 of the beds that were built.

One program we focused a lot of time and energy into last spring was the Farm Relief effort to aid farmers and landowners who experienced catastrophic loss of fencing and hay from the ice storm and flooding that followed. We joined with three neighboring counties in distributing, free to the farmers, fencing materials and hay to help replace some of what they desperately needed.

The value of the donated items, including product donations, cash donations and significant farm store discounts, was more than \$25,000.00. We dispersed approximately 2,800 fence posts, 250 rolls of fencing wire, and 345 bales of hay. Additionally, we continued providing our composting program, a needed service for our livestock owners. This allows any farmer who has deceased livestock horses, cattle, goats, etc., to bring them to us to be disposed of properly and legally. The last couple of years we have handled arrangements for about 30 animal composts.



Homemakers demonstrate mat making

2000

Number of hours KEHA members volunteered in COMMUNITY and EXTENSION activities and events.

500

Number of individuals who reported improved knowledge, opinions, skills, or aspirations regarding the safe storage, handling, preparation and/or preservation of food

Nutrition Education



Calf adopted by local elementary school through Virtual Adopt-a-Calf Program

3235

Direct contacts through community programs and events.

5010

Grab and go bags assembled and distributed throughout Boyd County.

Horticulture

Master Gardener volunteers help expand outreach efforts of the Horticulture program in Boyd County. They are a vital part of the Cooperative Extension Service in the community by helping present educational programs using their gardening experience and knowledge gained through the Master Gardener class and educational programs at their monthly meetings. They volunteer to plan and execute extension programs, such as Farmers Market, the Holiday Wreath Program, Master Gardener Class, County Fair Horticulture Exhibits, Garden Shed Herb Day, Vegetable Field Day, as well as informational booths at community events and the general upkeep of the Extension demonstration gardens and landscape. This year has been a challenge with Covid restrictions, but the Boyd County Master Gardeners donated a total of 648 hours of volunteer time towards Extension programming. This is a total value of \$14,256 to the community based on the Independent Sector.



Master Gardener Volunteers work the Horticulture Exhibit at the Boyd County Fair

25

Number of Master Gardener volunteers who believe the Master Gardener program greatly improves the Kentucky Cooperative Extension

5600

Number of indirect contacts made by Master Gardeners

The SNAP-Ed assistant shared the Healthy Choices for Every Body program over the past year reaching out to low resource participants and to individuals in recovery centers. 97% of the adults that completed the lessons showed a positive change in a food group. One participant also secured employment due to attending the weekly class.

A new partnership was formed with an after-school program in which the students virtually adopted a calf on a farm in Western Kentucky. This program encouraged students to cut back on drinking beverages with added sugar and to instead drink more milk.

4-H Youth Development

After many years of a successful community Boyd County Cloverbud Club, a new club for those Cloverbud graduates was needed. Boyd County 4-H created Community Clovers Club. Boyd County 4-H planned the club, promoted the club with flyers to schools, Facebook posts and newspaper advertisements. The Community Clovers would 'adopt' the Catlettsburg Senior Center to 'Do Good'. Each month the club will perform some community service project. One family has participated in Boyd County 4-H for nine years and joined the Community Clover Club. The father of the family was in 4-H as a child and wanted his children to experience 4-H. This brother and sister were quoted in a local newspaper that featured the new 4-H Community Clovers Club. Their mother said that the 4-H club gave her children a sense of pride, instilled the importance of community, and "Eli felt so good about himself after decorating the Senior Center!"



Boyd 4-H Member, Ethan Crum worked hard for his County Fair project.

450

Number of youth who received the 4-H/UK CAFE marketing materials

220

Number of youth who participated in college and career educational programs (KOSA)

... just a few ways Extension supports Kentucky

- **23,971** Kentucky youth who participated in a project, activity or event in science, engineering and technology through 4-H programming.
- **4,890** Kentucky producers adopting new technologies in agriculture production.
- **3,898** Kentucky families who supplemented their diets with foods they grew or preserved.
- **4,161** Kentuckians participating in community trail projects.

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