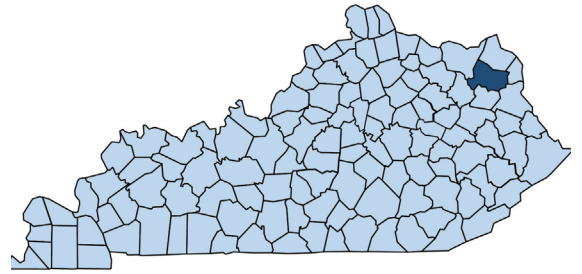


REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



Carter County 2021



DID YOU KNOW... Did you know that Carter County was the birthplace of the “Storyteller” Tom T Hall.



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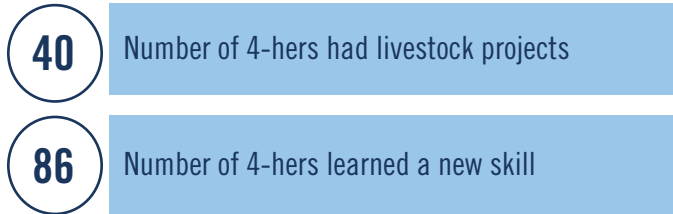
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4-H Youth Development



Kelsey Wilson (left) and Arden Morrow (right) making their way up the rock wall to zip down the line on the other side.



Nutrition Education

In Kentucky Child Poverty rate is 20.9% and the national average is 16.8%. The Food Insecurity rate in Kentucky is 14.7% and the national average is 11.7%. The Nutrition Education Program (NEP) Assistant Senior Partnered with her County Extension Agent to work with local youth so that they might learn to grow their own gardens. Although, a small group of only two youth took advantage of this wonderful opportunity, they now can grow their own plants, and raise a garden.

This would be beneficial if they would ever need to be self-sufficient or to help care for their own families. The youth were given their own buckets in which they would plant their seeds to raise tomatoes, peppers & cilantro. Once their vegetables grew enough the youth had everything, they needed to make fresh salsa. “The salsa was the best part said one of the participants!!”

4-Hers went to 4-H Summer Camp and learned something new or tried something for the first time. One 4-Her came up to Rebecca Hayes and talked about her time in the High Ropes class. She has taken high ropes just about every year she has gone to camp (about 5 years). Every year she would climb the rock wall and each year get closer to the top, but she never made it to the top platform to go down the zip line. This year, she made it to the top and finally got to zip down the line. She was so ecstatic and excited to have reached a goal she set for herself a few years prior.



Learning health benefits of raising a garden.



Agriculture and Natural Resources



Helping local farmers during the storm

70

Number of people who collected soil samples for testing

17

Number of producers who conducted hay testing

A devastating ice storm hit Northeast Kentucky in February 2021 and was followed by flooding. The ice storm left many without power or any amenities for several days and took out large areas of farm fencing when large trees and limbs either broke or were uprooted and fell on the fence. As local farmers were slowly beginning to get out from under that catastrophe the widespread flooding began. The floods were made worse by the debris from the ice storms that clogged culverts and lodged under bridges. This forced the waters to back up and find other ways around. In response to these disasters the Boyd, Carter, Greenup, & Lawrence County Agriculture & Natural Resource Agents organized a storm relief effort to benefit local farmers. Donations came from across Kentucky and also from Ohio and Pennsylvania. In addition to receiving hay and fencing supplies, agents also received \$9,700 in donations to purchase fencing supplies.

Family and Consumer Sciences

According to 24 million children in America -- one out of three -- live in biological father-absent homes. Almost thirty percent of families in Carter County are single parent families. In 2013 "Day Out with Dad" was developed to provide parenting education and celebrate fathers and father figures. In six years the program grew from nine participants to over five-hundred. Traditionally, the free event included fishing, birdhouse building, and games. In 2020 a drive-thru program was offered. Each family was given educational information about the important role of fathers, a book that they were encouraged to read to their children, family activities and games, and community resources. Participants reported that the program reminded them how valuable their role is as a father and they have a powerful impact on their child's success in school and life.



Father and son enjoying fishing

280

Number of participants that attended the drive-thru program

88

Number of families that gained access to family support, parenting resources, and participated in projects and activities with their children

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... 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.*
- *3,399 Kentuckians who improved or maintained health from participating in gardening.*
- *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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