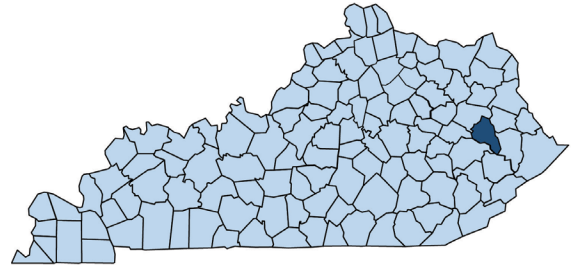


# REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



## Magoffin County 2021



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## Community Economic Development



Intergenerational group constructing their dulcimer.

- 45 Number of individuals reporting increased knowledge, opinions, skills, and/or aspirations in the musical arts
- 45 Number of community members reporting a new artistic experience

## Agriculture and Natural Resources

Food insecurity has been a challenge in Magoffin County for many years. Access to fresh food in a county that is already considered a food desert, coupled with the current pandemic, has increased food insecurity among many families. The majority of these families are eligible for supplemental food assistance, including the Senior and WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs, which are administered by the Senior Center and the local Health Department, respectively.

For the fourth year, the ANR agent received a \$2,667 KY Double Dollars grant from Community Farm Alliance to enable WIC and Senior FMNP participants to double their vouchers, up to \$12 per day. This grant allowed more than 100 participants to double the amount of fresh produce they were able to provide to their families. In addition, the local farmers nearly doubled their market income. Participants and farmers alike continue to be appreciative of the program.

After Extension leadership identified a need for arts education in the county, the ANR Agent procured a grant to provide funding for a FREE, three-session Appalachian Dulcimer Workshop, valued at \$5,500. The agent worked with Paul Williams of the Appalachian School of Luthiery to offer the program. Participants in the class ranged from age 4 to 75. Two groups of three generations (grandparent, parent, child), 15 intergenerational pairs, and 3 individuals completed the program.

Class participants were thrilled to have the opportunity to learn the history of and construct the only true Appalachian instrument, alongside their child/grandchild. Participants indicated the following: 100% said they would have never been able to participate in a class like this due to the associated costs (classes typically range from \$275-\$400 per person). As a result of the program, 20 Appalachian dulcimers are now in 20 Magoffin County homes.



Social distancing continued through the COVID 19 pandemic.

- 175 Number of residents reporting an increase in accessing fresh, local foods
- 17 Number of producers who utilized a new method to advertise products as a result of what they learned from Extension

## 4-H Youth Development



One of the biggest bass ever caught at camp!

**1546** Number of youth who apply the skills learned in 4-H

**978** Number of youth who indicate they are connected to caring adults who are interested in their success

## Family and Consumer Sciences

One of the most serious problems in Kentucky, identified by the Appalachian Regional Commission is drug abuse. There are many drug treatment facilities in Eastern Kentucky, KMBTC is a faith-based operation in Magoffin County that houses recovering addicts, who rotate in and out of the program. Recovering Your Finances is a newly created, statewide, program that has been developed by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Its purpose is to educate people about ways to get a fresh start, once they have completed their recovery program and ready to re-enter society.

Twelve clients participated in the Recovering Your Finances Program, learning about budgeting, avoiding spending traps, prioritizing spending, and saving money for emergencies. The classes were interactive and clients were eager to participate and learn. As a result, KMBTC has asked for the program to be repeated to future clients.

After a year of quarantine, virtual education, and missing many of the normal school activities, 4-H Camp was a welcome activity for 24 students in Magoffin County. The camp had to operate at fifty percent capacity, limiting the number of those who could attend. The kids who attended were excited to be there, even though masks and social distancing were required. They had the opportunity to participate in all activities; high ropes, low ropes, swimming, fishing and canoeing. One of Magoffin 4-Hers caught one of the biggest bass ever caught at Feltner 4-H Camp! Campers learned about responsibility, decision-making, and teamwork.

Although several of them had never been away from home for that length of time without family, they were able to bond with other campers and make new friends. From the time they got off the bus until the final campfire on closing evening, the campers were given opportunities for fun and excitement.



Kentucky Mission Bible Training Center is learning about Recovering Your Finances.

**12** Number of participants in the program

**87** Number of inpatient rehab centers in Kentucky

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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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