

# EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE

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### IN BATH COUNTY

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2015 Colonial Camp Attendees

## **4-H Colonial Camp**

After conducting 4th Grade Environmental Camp for 13 years, Bath Co Elementary School Officials and Bath Co. 4-H envisioned having a similar type of Overnight Camp for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. School Staff stated "They love attending 4-H overnight camps because youth get hands-on education they don't receive in the classroom." A parent (whom older kids attended in the past) reported "Youth mature, in so many ways, while attending this type of camp." 5th Grade Colonial Camp focuses on past way of life, global education and social interactions. Youth attend classes and programs that focus on their Grade's Core Standards. Over 95% of the students that attended this camp are returnees from 4th Grade Environmental Camp and/or Summer Camp. This year's session, in October, marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of conducting Colonial Camp.

## Priority Program Efforts

A total of 51 people are now involved in addressing significant community issues

36 youth made an impact in their community through service projects

350 local residents implemented practices that promote sustainable agriculture

510 Producers reported an economic impact (i.e., increase in agricultural productivity, increase in higher returns, decrease in expenses) in their agricultural operations

1119 youth indicated an increase in leadership skills, knowledge or confidence through participation in Extension-related leadership programs

1449 citizens (youth & adults) acknowledged utilizing the skills learned through Extension programming

A total of 1230 individuals reported making lifestyle changes (diet, exercise, managing stressors, healthy home practices, etc.) for the purpose of improving their health

A total of 487 youth and adults demonstrated informed and effective decision-making skills

210 individuals incorporated new or additional conservation practices.

# ***Success of Agricultural Development Fund***



Since the development of the Phase I Agricultural Development Fund the Extension Service has been one of the informational sources for county clientele wanting to know about cost-share programs, applications, rules and qualifications. Much time and effort has been required in dealing with these day to day office contacts. As well much effort has been given supporting the organized groups in the county that have taken on the role of administering these cost-share programs.



These organizations have included: the Bath County Cattlemen's Association, Bath County Farm Bureau, Bath County Agricultural Extension Foundation, The Foothills Goat Association and for the last several years the Bath County Soil Conservation District which has administered the C.A.I.P program since its creation . Since the inception of the Agricultural Development Fund, over \$4.3 million has been distributed in county cost-share funds. Accounting for the producer match over \$8.6 million has been invested in agricultural development in Bath County. These areas of investment have improved: farm fencing, the genetics of our beef cattle herds, farmers ability to store hay and grain, our forage base and soil fertility, our ability to handle livestock safer and more efficiently, our ability to provide water for livestock and irrigation, our ability to handle forages more efficiently and has allowed for diversification into other crops and livestock.



Bath County Extension Service has held numerous educational sessions, workshops and tradeshowes related to each of these programs. The economic benefits of these programs and the education provided with them have been great and will continue to benefit our Agriculture economy for many years to come.

***Millions of dollars invested in agriculture development in Bath County have improved such things as farm fencing.***



***Bath County Staff Assistant, Sheila Enoch***

## ***Bath County Extension Office Welcomes New Staff Members***

On Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Sheila Enoch started her first official day on staff. Sheila is a lifelong resident of Bath County. She lives in Owingsville with her husband, Jack, and their daughter, Ava. She's excited about her new position as Staff Assistant at the Bath County Cooperative Extension Service, and is looking forward to working with the community.

### ***Introducing our new FSC Agent, Nicole Gwishiri***

Ms. Nicole Gwishiri is so excited to join Bath County Extension Office. She comes from North Carolina where she has been teaching for the past six years in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences.

While teaching high school, Nicole was also the adviser of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, or FCCLA, and a track coach. She is currently serving on the National Leadership Training Team for FCCLA. This allows her to attend national conferences and present to the students and their advisers about what it takes to be a dynamic leader. She is also known as the best high jump coach in the state of North Carolina!

Teaching and coaching has allowed Nicole to learn about herself, her community and her interests for her career and future. She has just completed her Masters Degree in Agricultural Education from North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University. She has always wanted to become a community educator. She hopes her experience with UK Extension will allow her to connect to the community on a deeper level.



***Bath County FCS Agent, Nicole Gwishiri***

## ***Cattlemen's Association Growth and Leadership***

In 1990 the Bath County Extension Service was approached by four local beef cattle producers that wanted to form a new organization representing cattle producers. Prior to that, the county had a Livestock Improvement Association that had basically become inactive and had disbanded. After surveying producers and holding many organizational meetings the Bath County Cattlemen's Association was formed. By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation were developed and adopted. Over the last 25 years the Cattlemen's Association has sponsored hundreds of educational programs and tours, promoted the consumption of beef and raised countless funds for college scholarships and charity events. Today the Bath County Cattlemen's Association is 182 members strong. They are united with the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association in which two directors from the county serve. One of their members is the past president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and another was just inducted into the KCA Hall of Fame. The Bath County Cattlemen's Association is a prime example of a grassroots idea that came to Extension for assistance and developed into an organization that has promoted it's industry, improved its members production skills, produced outstanding leaders, helped to further the education of youth and still remains active and continues to grow.



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