EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE

Changing Lives

IN BOYLE COUNTY

Extension provides practical education you can trust by helping individuals, families, businesses, and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future.

Boyle County Cooperative Extension is located in the Industrial Park off Lebanon Road behind the Bluegrass Technical School. Our building provides 3,400 square feet of meeting room space available for educational use by Extension and related groups. In addition, we have a heated outbuilding that serves as meeting space for larger events such as archery, dog obedience classes, and farmer’s market activities.

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Priority Program Efforts

- A total of 72 people are now involved in addressing significant community issues
- 675 youth made an impact in their community through service projects
- 19 local residents implemented practices that promote sustainable agriculture
- 94 Producers reported an economic impact (i.e., increase in agricultural productivity, increase in higher returns, decrease in expenses) in their agricultural operations
- 188 youth indicated an increase in leadership skills, knowledge or confidence through participation in Extension-related leadership programs
- 685 citizens (youth & adults) acknowledged utilizing the skills learned through Extension programming
- A total of 370 individuals reported making lifestyle changes (diet, exercise, managing stressors, healthy home practices, etc.) for the purpose of improving their health
- A total of 600 youth and adults demonstrated informed and effective decision-making skills
- 32 individuals incorporated new or additional conservation practices.
The agriculture sector of the Boyle County Extension Service has conducted several educational meetings this past year. They include a forage meeting, grain production meeting, BQA (Beef Quality Assurance) certification meetings for cost share funds, tobacco production, and five beef cattle production meetings.

The Boyle County Cattlemen’s Association contributes $1200 towards the cost of dead animal removal in the county. The Fiscal Court pays the additional money and pickup is free to the county land owners. This is a vital service keeping our lakes and streams clean.

The ANR agent works with the local Cattlemen’s Association to do several cooking events promoting beef and they do many events cooking and donating beef products.

Some examples are the United Way Day of Caring cooking for 600 volunteers in our community, Kentucky School for the Deaf summer Ag camp, and Project Graduation.

The CAIP cost share program this past year in Boyle County had 153 applications and 52 were funded for cost share funds totaling $153,000. A majority of the funds were spent to improve fencing on the farm, enhance forages, and on farm water development.

The role of Horticulture is to reach out to farmers and individuals across the county to bring research data, practical information, and practices to those in the world of plants. The hope is that this program area will be able to enrich the practices, lives, and businesses of those within the horticulture and agriculture fields.

What a fun, first full year this has been for Boyle County Horticulture. The high tunnel was finished, a rain garden/Monarch Waystation was constructed, and the wheelchair accessible raised garden beds were assembled.

Many different varieties of vegetables were grown and harvested from the demonstration garden, and were used for cooking classes, and as donations to the local food bank. There were also 150 feet of beautiful cut flowers that were used for classes on floral design, teacher appreciation gifts, and to decorate for meetings at the Boyle County Extension Office. The flowers were grown using sustainable mulching techniques and drip irrigation to demonstrate water conservation.
Family and Consumer Sciences

Family and Consumer Sciences improves the quality of individual and family life through education.

Family and Consumer Science extension builds strong families for Kentucky through programs that educate and help families connect research based knowledge to their everyday lives. Our programs develop family skills for resource management and budgeting, child development and parenting, health safety, and nutrition.

Disaster Preparedness Seminar

This year Boyle County hosted a multi county program on disaster preparedness. “Don’t Be Scared, Be Prepared” was a seminar on how to handle and prepare for disasters. All subjects from food safety and packing an emergency kit to helping children cope with disasters were covered. WLEX 18 Chief Meteorologist Bill Meck joined us that day and shared his knowledge of weather awareness and how to stay safe when inclement weather occurs. There was much information given about services available and resources were provided. 88% of participants from our 8 county area reported an increase in knowledge of what to do in an emergency, how to pack an emergency kit, and prepared a family emergency plan.

The Baby Resource Fair

In order to reach the population of mothers and expectant moms who were in need of supplies for their new babies, Boyle County Extension partnered with other human service organizations in the community to host a Baby Resource Fair. This program is something of a community baby shower which helped provide much needed supplies such as diapers, clothes, formula, car seats and strollers to parents who would not be able to acquire them otherwise. There were speakers on breast feeding, child development, and safety. Danville City Fire Department also provided free car seat installation demonstrations. Over 70 parents and over 25 children attended this event.

Boyle County Homemakers

The Family and Consumer Sciences Agent serves as advisor to the 7 Homemaker clubs. Our county Homemakers host special events throughout the year such as the annual county meeting which include recognition awards. They sponsor Floral Hall Open Division of county fair and fundraising events such as the annual Farm Bureau Dinner and Area Annual Holiday Seminar. Homemakers are also very involved in serving the community.

Award Winning Boyle County Homemakers

They gave $500.00 in scholarships, volunteered for local 4-H projects, and gave donations to the Salvation Army Angel Tree program. Homemakers are led by county officers, a county Homemaker council, and club officers. If you are interested in joining Boyle County’s section of the Kentucky Extension Homemaker Association contact your local FCS agent.
Boyle County 4-H cooperates closely with all local school systems to provide content and learning experiences for more than 600 youth in grades 4 and 5 through 32 in-class clubs. More than 1,000 youth annually participate in our financial education programs including:

- Reality Stores for middle and high school students in the Boyle system and from the Kentucky School for the Deaf.
- Dollars and Sense for elementary students in all city and county schools.
- High school financial planning and the American Private Enterprise System seminar for high school students at Boyle County, Danville, DCA and KSD.

More than 1,000 members ranging from preschoolers through third graders, participate in our Professor Popcorn series about the food pyramid, physical activity, and healthy lifestyle choices.

**4-H CAMPING**

More than 100 Boyle County youth attended summer 4-H Camp, designed to give youth a taste of independence, while learning new skills and having fun with old and new friends. Youth gain a sense of mastery and accomplishment in archery, swimming, canoeing, crafts, soccer, photography, ropes, riflery, outdoor cooking, dance, and many other classes.

Teen leaders take on new roles as teachers, coaches, and guides. 4-H Camp is a unique way to help youth gain a sense of independence, mastery, and belonging in a safe environment surrounded by caring adults and natural beauty.

Projects let youth explore and master skills in a particular interest, such as electricity, ceramics, leatherworking, cooking, or shooting sports, and participate in either a club, workshop, or an independent learning experience. Youth involved in clubs learn about parliamentary procedure and standard business meeting form.

Clubs include Robotics, Dog, Horse, Livestock, Poultry, Cloverbuds, Change of Heart, Teens, Officers and committee chairs and members practice leadership and teamwork. Youth can also present speeches and demonstrations about the subjects and skills they have mastered in their 4-H projects in our Communications program.