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4-H members, Raini Hall and Shelby McCormick, demonstrate Dairy Education using Greenup Gertie, the fiberglass milk cow.

2022 Greenup County Agriculture Day

Greenup County Agriculture Day is an event about recognizing and celebrating the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. It is a great way to educate local youth about the importance of agriculture, even when they don't realize it.

The 2022 Agriculture Day attracted twelve fourth grade classes from both Greenup County Schools and Raceland-Worthington Independent Schools systems on September 23, 2022, at the Greenup County Extension Office. Local volunteers from the Greenup County Cooperative Extension Service, Farm Bureau, Soil and Water Conservation District, Heritage Arts Science & Tourism Committee (HASTC), and FFA chapter shared knowledge through twelve rotations that educated students about a variety of agriculture. The rotations featured forestry, beekeeping, ATV safety, dairy production and butter making, and many other areas of agriculture.

The Greenup County Extension Office is located next to the historic HASTC-operated McConnell House, which was built in the early 1800's. The house was also in the rotation, and students learned about the history of the community and what it was like living during that time period.

A total of 268 student and 24 teachers and class volunteers attended the 2022 Agriculture Day. In addition, there were 30 volunteers who helped educate the students about Agriculture as well as all four County Extension Agents.

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Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Greenup County Extension and Soil and Water Conservation held Woods and Wildlife for Your Wallet in conjunction with Kentucky Department of Forestry, University of Kentucky Forestry, KY Department of Fish and Wildlife, KY Woodland Owners Association and many local volunteers. Woods and Wildlife for Your Wallet is a program that offers concurrent sessions such as: beekeeping, wildlife management, Master Logger Program and various others. Greenup County's Family and Consumer Sciences agent hosted a session on Cook Wild Kentucky with recipes, samples and information related to wild game in Kentucky from the University of Kentucky's Nutrition Education Program (NEP) recently released series of recipe cards aimed at helping the state's most vulnerable citizens learn to prepare some of the state's most popular wild game including venison, rabbit, fish, frog, dove and duck.

As part of the session a cooking demonstration using the Cook Wild recipes was incorporated to help demonstrate how to safely prepare wild game. Participants were able to see and taste a recipe using venison as the protein source during the session. Participants learned various methods for cooking and preparing wild game without sacrificing flavor or quality.



FCS Agent, Lora Pullin, demonstrating how to prepare a wild venison dish.



Greenup County 4-H members who showed and/or sold livestock at the 2022 Greenup County Fair.

4-H Youth Development

The 4-H Livestock Program is the largest 4-H project area in Greenup County. Youth that participate in the project learn to select, care for and feed the animals they raise. They also learn different aspects of animal health as well as animal husbandry and how to properly treat their animals. Youth complete record sheets to help them understand the cost management and rate of gain from the amount of feed consumed by the animal.

At the 2022 Greenup County Fair, the community support was very strong. Various political officials, business owners and 4-H/FFA supporters were there to purchase animals from the youth participants. We had 113 4-H youth and 20 FFA youth show at least one livestock project at the fair. The total of the sale for a total of 97 animals that went through the auction was \$162,396.77.

As enrollment forms for the new program year have been coming in, the livestock project is still growing; and we are up to 166 4-H youth that will be participating this year. That is an 18.5% increase in enrollment for livestock projects from last year.

Community Arts Program— Community Design/Creative Placemaking

Greenup Old Fashion Days (OFD) is one of the longest-running community festivals in the state of Kentucky. Now in its 56th year, Greenup OFD spans three days and involves thousands of people through partnerships, performances, vendors, contests and special events.

The OFD committee is made up of 26 community volunteers, led by co-chairs: Anne Stephens and Bambi Reed. Anne is the Greenup Extension Agent for Community Arts and Bambi is a local business owner. Under this leadership, OFD has been able to expand the educational and cultural history components that were identified as lacking by community surveys and personal interviews. As planning for the 2022 event got underway, it was decided that the goal for the year would be to increase student involvement in the festival.

During the October 2022, event, over 500 students were in downtown Greenup for performances and field trips. The OFD Art Show was reinstated at the Greenup Library with 60 entries from students and community artists. Students experienced historic re-enactors, exhibits from the Kentucky Historic Society, a tour of murals, presentations at First & Peoples Bank, Greenup County Sheriff's office, Greenup City Police office and a "Live Drug Free" talk by the Greenup County Attorney. The Greenup County High School Beta Club provided student field trip guides who helped lead the tours and make the days go smoothly for everyone with extra responsibilities.

The OFD Committee voted to continue all the additions made to the 2022 event. Planning is underway for the 2023 event with the addition of new volunteers and event partners.

"What a wonderful educational experience. One they will never forget."

Connie Nickel



Greenup County Farmers Market president, Teresa Walters, demonstrates soap-making skills using goat milk.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

There is a need in each community to develop people to maintain a high quality of life and productivity. One component of this is allowing them to develop as leaders and educate them regarding the community in which they live.

The Greenup County Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources agent partnered with the local Chamber of Commerce in the Ashland Alliance Community Leadership Development Program. The program consists of seven weeks of meeting once a week covering topics that are crucial to our tri-state area which include: Child Advocacy, Health Care in both Boyd and Greenup Counties, Government & Leadership,

Industry development and Volunteerism. The Community Leadership Development program has been in existence since 1979. Goals of the program include: developing leadership skills and a better informed citizenry, providing a networking opportunity for our business people, promoting community pride and civic responsibility and fostering potential volunteers for the chamber and nonprofit agencies.

There were 17 graduates from the 2022 program after a brief break in the program due to COVID-19. Survey results concluded that it was a very informative program. Also, several participants stated that they had lived in the area and never been to many of the places on the tours.



Larry Anderson takes Community Leadership Development Program participants on a tour of the Great Lakes Minerals facility in Wurtland.

Extension At a Glance

- 102 Number of people who applied Extension recommendations for soil fertility
- 140 Number of Master Gardener hours completed in county
- 475 Number of program participants who improved one or more health indicators
- 2500 Number of individuals more likely to buy a Kentucky fruit or vegetable as a result of receiving a Plate It Up! Kentucky Proud recipe card or sampling a recipe
- 168 Number of individuals who gained knowledge related to financial management
- 1750 Number of participants reporting an increase in community pride through participation in Extension arts programming
- 400 Number of hours volunteered to Extension arts activities in artistic skill development
- 30 Number of youth and adults who engaged in volunteer service in their communities through the 4-H program
- 122 Number of youth who gained an understanding of the role of agriculture in the production of food, fiber and wood products