

# Report to the People

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### 4-H Youth Development

The Environmental Education program takes elementary students to a camp setting that is a positive outdoor experience. A place to learn and engage in ecology, science, forestry, soil conservation and so much more. The last three years, Bullitt County 4-H has worked with local businesses and leaders to plan and implement a 4-H Environmental Camp.

Crossroads Elementary and Old Mill Elementary teachers, staff, volunteers and the Bullitt County Extension Service worked together to plan for presenters, transportation and chaperones for 240 4th graders. The 4-H agent organizes the teens and adults to help with rotating to classes, setup of rooms and signage. The 4-H agent arranges the presenters and the lessons including: forestry hike, wood identification, honey bees, soil conservation, water quality, stream study and mammals. Bullitt County Soil Conservation, UK Extension Professor Terry Connors, UK Extension Entomology Specialist Blake Newton, Kentucky Division of Water Dale Booth, Kentucky Reptile Zoo, Second Chance Wildlife, and many others have presented.

A total of 360 participants have attended Bullitt County 4-H Environmental Camp. Youth learn real life skills, build confidence through trying new things, develop self-esteem, meet new friends, and gain a sense of independence. The goal is to involve all 13 Bullitt County Elementary Schools in this program.

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## Family and Consumer Sciences

The Bullitt County Cooperative Extension Service partnered with the local chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) to offer a “Fraud Alert” program. Speakers were brought in from the Kentucky State Police, Bullitt County Sherriff, Kentucky AARP as well as utilizing Kentucky Extension educational material and resources. Of the participants who attended, 90% were over the age of 65 and the other two cared for older relatives or felt vulnerable to security breaches.

By the end of the program, participants described how they were going to handle telephone fraud calls and other ways to protect their identity. 76% of the participants completed a two month follow-up which found:

- 100 % screened calls or do not answer calls from unknown numbers
- 64% took action to protect their identity with many shredding documents that have account numbers on them.
- 25% of the audience shared tips they learned with over 50 other individuals who did not attend the program



**Ray Armstong (Center) being presented a “Quilt of Valor” as part of the Under Our Wings Program by Bullitt County 4-H Participant Lilly Mooney (Left) and Hannah Mooney (Right)**



**Carol and Mike McLaughlin Representing Bullitt County at the Annual Master Gardener Plant Sale**

## Horticulture

The Bullitt County Horticulture Council and Master Gardener Association collaborated to create an annual Garden Art and Plant Sale. This event is the centerpiece of the Master Gardener outreach for the year, with an attendance of 1300 at the 2019 event. It allows The Horticulture Council, Bullitt County Master Gardener Association and the Bullitt County Extension Service to partner with local businesses in a positive and lucrative event.

A survey was administered determined that 83% of the 1300 participants had never been to the Extension office before. There were 53 community members that signed up at the event to receive the Horticulture newsletter. Based on surveys administered in 2017 and 2018, 51% of new participants heard about the program at the annual plant sale. Over the nine years that the program has been in effect we have also gained eight Master Garden volunteers as a direct result from introduction at the annual plant sale. The eight Master Gardeners gained have turned in a combined total of 3267 volunteer hours since certification. According to Independent Sector in 2019 this time is valued at \$25.43 an hour netting of return of approximately \$83,079.81 worth of horticulture education put back into the community as a direct result of this sale.

## Family and Consumer Sciences



***Homemaker host the Louisville Area Cultural Arts contest. Bullitt County had 44 winners that competed on the Area level with 16 going on to the State competition.***

Community service and leadership by the Bullitt County Homemakers has a major impact on the county. The Bullitt County Homemakers members reported a donation of over 39,000 volunteer hours at a value of **\$941,460.00** to local churches, schools, organizations, and Extension.

Homemaker clubs contributed to sending multiple care packages overseas to missionary efforts, in addition to creating and donating over 950 pillowcases to Norton Children's Hospital for children that are undergoing cancer treatment. While many of these projects serviced the Louisville Area, the partners have reported the huge impact these contributions have made on the services offered to needy and struggling families.

On a county level, the Homemakers donated **\$125.00** for the Ovarian Cancer Research and took over **25** women for early detection screening. In addition, the Bullitt County Homemakers awarded to a high school senior attending college in the fall of 2019 and donated over \$300.00 to the Health Department's Healthy Hearts Wear Red program. With the leadership, volunteer service, donations and education, the Bullitt County Homemakers have made a significant contribution to the quality of life for individuals, families and communities of the county.

## Agriculture/ Natural Resources

Bullitt County has a rich agricultural tradition and is currently trending towards suburban growth. With many kids having family living and working on the farm but also living primarily in suburban areas of the county, Bullitt County Extension and their partners (Roby and Lebanon Junction Family Resource Centers), Bullitt County Farm Bureau and the Bullitt County Soil Conservation District) collaborated to host an annual Farm Safety Day to address safety concerns and provide accident prevention education for students in our county. This event exposes local children to the possible dangers in their local environments in an interactive and fun atmosphere in an attempt to help keep them safe.

375 4th grade students from Lebanon Junction, Cedar Grove, and Roby Elementary schools participated in the Bullitt County Home and Farm Safety Day. The kids were engaged in 11 educational stations throughout the day and learned about safe practices on the farm and at home. This year safety stations included: ATV, tractor, outdoor and wild animal, electrical, water, fire, mower, firearm, livestock and bike safety.

Survey data collected from last year's program collected reflected that:

- 96% learned at least one new practice to be safer at home

Many students noted to have reported learning new safety facts that they could apply to their current home situations.



***Kyle Skidmore teaching area youth about livestock safety***

## 4-H/ Youth Development

The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference was held at the University of Kentucky June 10-13, 2019. Like many 4-H leadership programs, the objectives of Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference are: develop leadership and teamwork skills, improve communication skills, foster civic engagement, expand knowledge and skills related to 4-H core content areas, create a sense of belonging, expand social skills through networking, develop youth-adult partnerships

4-H Teen Conference provides a dynamic opportunity for Bullitt County youth to experience life on campus while gaining independence and giving them an opportunity to see themselves outside of their typical environment.

Delegates receive five hours of leadership and citizenship development. Kentucky 4-H partnered with 34 community serving agencies to allow 557 youth to log 1,671 hours of service. This translates into a cost savings of \$12,114.75 (3 hours \* \$7.25/hour) for organizations versus using paid employees.



**Bullitt County Teen Conference Delegation**

*"Knowledge is Power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family"*  
**Kofi Annan**

## Extension At a Glance

- **2,936** Number of youth who apply the skills learned in 4-H and in other activities at home, school or in the Community
- **873** Youth made an impact in their community through service projects
- **323** Youth indicated an increase in leadership skills, knowledge or confidence through participation in Extension-related leadership programs
- **8,270** Parents and/or caregivers reported improved personal strengths, communication and life skills that strengthen families
- **5,690** Individuals reported behaviors that fostered the optimal development of children and youth
- **5,623** Parents/and or caregivers reported practicing parental leadership skills
- **2138** Number of direct contacts made by Master Gardener volunteers
- **1427** Number of volunteer service hours completed by Extension Master Gardeners in the community
- **384** Individuals who plan to complete soil tests as needed
- **312** Number of residents indicating a willingness to support local food markets as a result of awareness through extension programming

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***Healthy Families. Healthy Homes.***  
***Healthy Communities.***