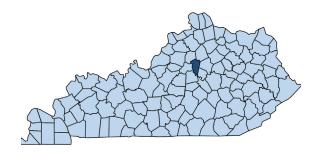
## REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

## Woodford County 2021



**DID YOU KNOW**... Extension volunteers provided 8,966 community service hours, worth an estimated \$207,114.60





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#### **Horticulture**



Horticulture Agent, Faye Kuosman, teaching program participants how to build a raised bed garden.

**(40)** 

Number of youth who gave a speech or demonstration

**62** 

Number of youth who participated in overnight 4-H Summer Camp

The Woodford Co. Extension Agent for Horticulture collaborated with the WC Public Schools English Language Learner District Interpreter to offer a raised bed gardening program to Hispanic families in the community. There was a total of 28 attendees in the program. Families were given a raised bed garden kit that contained everything needed to start a raised bed garden.

There was an activity for the children as well, which included pots and seeds of summer vegetables that they planted and took home to care for along with the instructions to do so. Many of the participants live in duplexes and apartments and the Horticulture agent and collaborators of this program helped to get permission from property managers for the families to have a raised bed garden on the grounds of their residences. The long-term goal of this program is to enable families to share stories, successes and failures, recipes, and community around the gardens.

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

During the COVID pandemic, there was an increase in meals being cooked and eaten at home, due to food budget, personal interest, not eating out, or more time spent at home. To aid in increasing personal cooking skills, a Recipe Club was started in January where individuals could sign-up to receive recipe cards through the mail each month.

Families are encouraged to prepare at least one of the recipes during the month and complete an online survey showing what they learned and how the recipe turned out. With nearly 100 households signed-up, people have reported learning new skills including measuring and cutting, preparing and eating certain produce for the first time, learning how to alter recipes, and eating healthier overall. One person reported on a soup recipe, "I never would have thought putting all those different ingredients together would be so tasty."



Recipe cards and information ready to mail to each of the Recipe Club participants.



Number of individuals who reported preparing more healthy home-cooked meals



Number of individuals who reported eating 4-6 servings of fruits and/or vegetables daily

#### 4-H Youth Development



Grace Caroline Dearinger with her artwork on display during the 4-H Virtual Art Club Art Show in downtown Versailles.

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Providing positive youth development experiences in-spite of the restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those featuring more hands-on activities, provided a worthy challenge for the 2020-2021 4-H programming year. One response to this challenge was the 4-H Virtual Art Club provided for 4-H-aged youth from November to April. Participants met once a month and each meeting featured a different 4-H art project from the Kentucky 4-H State Fair project catalog. Projects included calligraphy, linoleum print, wire art, clay sculpture and oil pastels. During each meeting participants learned about each art topic, it's history and equipment and then completed a project that would be eligible for entry into the Kentucky State Fair. As a culminating experience, three club members participated in a community-supported art show held in downtown Versailles where they featured their art and engaged with the community.

#### Agriculture and Natural Resources

The Woodford County Extension Service, in collaboration with the Woodford County Conservation District, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife, USDA-Farm Service Agency, and Woodford County Fiscal Court put on the 55th Woodford County Farm Tour. Two tour options existed for the 55th Farm Tour allowing participants to have more of an in-depth learning experience with host farmers, university specialists, and other participating speakers.

Over 150 individuals took part in the program learning more about stream buffers, water quality, grape production in Kentucky, wine making/distilling, baled silage, high-tunnel vegetable production, pasture weed control and plantings for pollinator species.



More than 150 participants gathered for the 55th annual Woodford County Farm Tour. Here they learned more about types of plantings to attract pollinator species for conservation and crop benefits.



People collected soil samples for testing in Woodford county last year.



People improved use of personal protective equipment when applying crop protectants in Woodford County last year.

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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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