

EXTENSION Today

IN ALLEN COUNTY

In Allen County we're growing ideas that make a difference in your life, your family, and your community. We have a dedicated staff of trained professionals delivering educational programs in agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and community and economic development. The Allen County Cooperative Extension Office is your connection to the University of Kentucky and the world.

You'll see some key numbers in this report. But the numbers don't show you the people or the impact of our work. So the rest of this report shows the faces behind some of the numbers.



Allen County Cooperative Extension Staff

Staff pictured left to right: Steve Osborne, Agriculture and Natural Resources; Janet Johnson, Family and Consumer Sciences; Martha Arterburn, 4-H Youth Development; Linda Spence, Administrative Assistant; Vicki Britt, EFNEP Assistant; Susan Ausbrooks, Administrative Assistant.



Reaching Out to Allen County

<i>Educational Programs</i>	
Programs presented	415
Total participants	8,250
<i>Educational Contacts</i>	
Clientele visits	2,275
Telephone consultations	6,763
Newsletters distributed	2,125
<i>Volunteer Development</i>	
Volunteers	2,510
Volunteer hours	19,170
Clientele reached by volunteers	7,781

Making a difference in our community



“Our Extension District Board’s five year goal has been to keep tax rates unchanged, yet always manage funding to do the most good for the most people in supporting our educational mission. The successful renovation of the historic Hobdy, Dye and Read Building houses our Extension Service offices and offers meeting space options for both non-profit and for-profit community groups with no charge. We have now completed new lower level meeting space renovations and we look forward to providing you new and even better services in the future!”

Shawn McPherson, District Board Chairman

Making A Difference . . . Families and Community

Encouraging Physical Activity in Allen County



A young family explores one of 12 "Fairy Houses" constructed on the Dumont Hill Nature Trail during county "Second Sunday" physical activity events and attracted 150 participants. A \$60,000 Federal Trails grant has been received to enhance the park's three mile trail system with improvements scheduled for 2011.

Increasing Family Health and Wellness



Vicki Britt, EFNEP Assistant shows a nutrition education activity with young families participating in "English As A Second Language" class. The program conducted with the Adult Education programming provided involvement to basic learning classes. The partnership programs - are also being conducted at the Allen County Detention Center reaching at risk families.

Promoting an Economic Security



Connie Polston and Ann Barton led the financial education for 130 Allen County Cattlemen's families as part of the regional "Annie's Project" program. Points included the importance of family communication setting financial goals as well as long term care issues.

Introducing "Plate It Up, Kentucky Proud"



A new seasonal recipe project between UK Extension, Ky. Dept. of Ag., and the Food Science Classes provides new commodity recipes for spring, summer, fall, and winter to Allen County consumers. The Allen County Farmer's Market and Extension Homemakers promoted the use of "Ky.Proud" fruits, vegetables and other products at market demonstrations and the annual county cooking show - "Great Starts To The Holidays".

Making A Difference 4-H Youth Development

4-H Congress



Katie Gillenwater and Whitney Davis were selected to represent Kentucky at **National 4-H Congress** in Atlanta, Georgia. The selection process includes completing the 4-H Honors Program and an interview.

Special Riders School Enrichment Program



Over one hundred youth participate in the *Special Riders* school enrichment program. Gordon Branham and the Horsin' Around 4-H Club coordinate the program.

Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum



Allen County was well represented at the Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum as six groups and individuals were inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame: Tyler Arterburn, Ky. 4-H Community Service Award; Ann Barton, Conrad Feltner Leadership; Green Valley 4-H Innovative Creative Enthusiastic; Margaret Ann Vick, Lifetime Achievement; Tracie Hall, Leadership Development; Brian Gatlin, Cole Billingsley, Whitney Davis, Carolyn McGee, Jacob Starks, Shawnda Pedigo, Cameron Napier, Kim Erwin, Misty Hollars, Evan Calvert, Heather Buford, and Tyler Arterburn, Team Award.

Dollars and Sense



225 4th grade students learned budgeting basics through participation in the 4-H Dollars and Sense Program.

Making A Difference Agriculture and Natural

Master Gardeners Promote Beautification Efforts



The **Allen County Master Gardener Association** is involved in beautification efforts in Scottsville and Allen County. Master Gardeners Beth Hester and JoAnne Meador help install a University of Kentucky Annual Flower Demonstration Garden at the Scottsville/Allen County YMCA.

UK College of Agriculture Works With Local Vegetable Producers



Allen County has a vibrant vegetable industry. To help promote improved production, the Allen County Extension Service and the University of Kentucky cooperated with a local vegetable producer on a pollinator identification project. Logan Minter, UK PhD candidate in Entomology, and Ric Bessin is establishing a pollinator trap used to identify the different pollinators in an organic squash planting.

Agriculture Field Days Introduce New Ideas to Producers



The 2010 Allen County Agriculture Field Day featured a tour of Joe Young's beef production enterprise. Joe demonstrates the operation of an inline round bale wagon for those in attendance.



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