

EXTENSION Today

IN BULLITT COUNTY

In Bullitt 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 Bullitt County Cooperative Extension Office is your connection to the University of Kentucky and the world.

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



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Agriculture & Natural Resources



The Master Tree Farmer Course was offered in partnership with the UK Department of Forestry Extension, the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee and the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Practice

implemented from the program indicated results that would improve revenue, wildlife habitat and woodland health.

Partners In Prevention

The Partners in Prevention is a diverse group of individuals, businesses and organizations, including the Bullitt County Cooperative Extension Service who are dedicated to the prevention of drug abuse in Bullitt County. With 12,000 students in the Bullitt County School system, this program impacts a large percentage of the county's population. Bullitt County Cooperative Extension Service hosted a joint program with the Health Department on Meth Awareness.



Ag. Council

The Bullitt County Ag. Council worked with vocational agriculture instructors at a local high school to secure a \$37,000 grant and in-kind funds to install

a computer lab for vocational agriculture students. Used greenhouse equipment was also secured, valued at \$6,000, for the production of potted plants.

Computer Users

The Bullitt Co. Computer Users Group was developed and over 235 hours of instruction was given. 85% of the participants, with little or no computer background, reported knowledge gained from classes and they expected to use that knowledge in the near future.



Horticulture

This year the Bullitt County Horticulture Program offered a large variety of horticultural classes that covered topics such as lawn care and maintenance, commercial fruit production, horticultural arts and crafts, Farmer's Market, food preservation, seasonal gardening, cultural practices, vegetable gardening, gardening for butterflies and wildlife, organic gardening, proper pruning techniques, composting and soil testing and amendments.



Extension volunteer and Master Gardener, Ray Armstrong, demonstrates how to properly prune an apple tree.

In addition to horticulture classes, home and commercial consultations provided expert advice to over 850 clients this year on hard to diagnose plant problems.

Master Gardeners

This year the Master Gardeners in Bullitt County gave 767 hours to our community through service projects and classes. The Master Gardeners are working hard to improve our community through Horticulture.



Master Gardeners teaching 4th graders at Youth Farm Field Day.

Master Gardeners strive to teach responsible horticulture, biodiversity, and good resources management.

Join us in Fall 2010 for the next Master Gardener training course.

Community Development

Marketing and development advice, research and strategic planning for small and new businesses in Bullitt County has greatly increased with the interest in commercial horticulture. This year there has also been a concentrated effort to assist with community Outreach.



Master Gardeners at the county fair.

4H & Youth Development

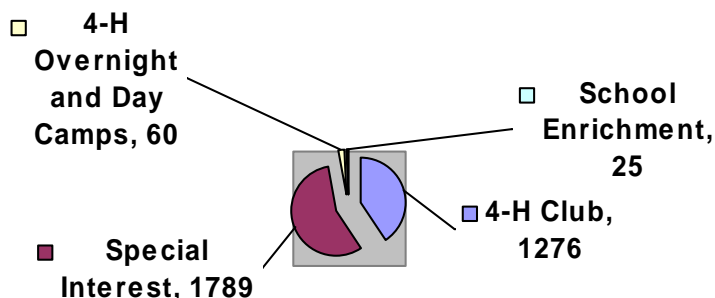
4H Members Complete County Ham Project



Charles Stivers and Stuart Lawson are the first Bullitt County 4-H members to complete the 4-H Country Ham Project ever. Charles and Stuart successfully smoked and cured their hams for the Ky. State Fair Country Ham Contest with the help of local leader, George Henderman, Agriculture Agent Darold Akridge and their parents. While at the Ky. State Fair

they were two of over 500 youth from across the state perfecting their communication skills and knowledge about the history of country hams.

2008-09 4-H Participation



Bullitt County's "4-H Health Rocks" Team with members from Mt. Washington Middle School and Bullitt Lick Middle School taught the new 4-H Curriculum to over 160 students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade at their schools. "Many times students will listen and retain what they learn from older peers at a higher level than if hearing the same information from adults", says Jeff Young, County Extension Agent. "Our goals are for the younger students to learn how to live a healthy life and for our teen teachers to develop leadership and become good role models." For their outstanding work educating their peers, our 4-H Health Rocks Teams were recognized and honored by the Bullitt County Partners in Prevention through the posters which can be seen in schools and businesses across the county.



Family & Consumer Sciences



2nd Sunday

On October 12th, over 300 adults and youth chose to be physically active by walking, running, skating and biking the 8/10 of a mile roadway closed down to automobile traffic. Due to this success more partners have joined the team to conduct future events.

Home Canning and Preservation

Forty-seven individuals attended one or more of the 6 home canning classes given. Over half of the participants were new to canning and to Extension programs. They learned proper home canning techniques and continue to use Extension as a resource.



Barn Quilt Project

Members from Farm Bureau, Mt. Washington's Quilt Guild, Crazy Quilters Home-maker Club and the Bullitt County Visual Artists joined the Bullitt County Extension

Service in developing the Barn Quilt project guidelines and creating the first 2 barn quilt designs.

Operation Bright & Beautiful

Over 85 volunteers worked 8 days to pick up 157 bags of trash along the roadsides and water ways of Mt. Washington, Shepherdsville and Hillview. These efforts saved the cities \$4,335.00 while helping them meet the federal guidelines of the Clean Water Act. A partnership with the State Highway Department has been established to secure over \$5,000 in funding for volunteer organizations who assist with roadside clean-up.





**Kentucky Extension
Homemakers Association**

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Grant Used & Award Won

The Homemakers received a grant, won an award and had a State project modeled after their project to promote reading in school children. The Homemakers made over 70 Chair back covers for children at Cedar Grove Elementary. The chair back covers hold books that a child can pull out when they are done with their assignments.



Million Dollar Ovarian Cancer Fund

For over 20 years, the Bullitt County Homemakers have led the way in the Louisville Area for contributing to the Ovarian Cancer Research fund. They have received State recognition for “100 % contribution” because \$1.00 of their membership dues go to support the Ovarian Cancer screening and research work done at the UK Markey Cancer Center. This year the State Homemaker organization reached the Million Dollar donation mark.

Homemakers Gain New Clubs

The Bullitt Co. Homemakers have gained new members. The “Cooking Club” meets along with two other special interest clubs in the county. At one monthly club meeting, Joyce Crigler demonstrated the preparation of a “soy” entree during the lesson.



60 Year Members



Byrldean Kneisler and Reba Mills were recognized for 50 Years of membership in Homemakers. Both are members of the oldest Club in Bullitt County– the Brooks



Homemaker Club. Other members who were recognized for 50 years of membership were: Flo Hemmer, Clyann Stout, and Marti Korfhage. For membership over 60 years we honored Marie Sadler, also a member of Brooks Homemaker Club.

Farm and Home Safety Field Day

On September 25th Bullitt County Extension and Bullitt County Farm Bureau teamed up to host our 2nd Annual Farm and Home Safety Field Day. Thanks to all our great volunteers for helping make our Safety Day a big success. Some of the demonstrations and displays that were available include: Tractor Rollover Demonstration, Bike Safety, Water and Pool Safety, Sun Safety, Poisonous Insects in and around the Home, Dangers of Tobacco and Drugs, Fire Safety, ATV Safety, Electrical Safety, Emergency Medical Care. Special Thanks to Hills Power Equipment in Bardstown for providing the ATV and safety equipment.



Youth Farm Field Day



For many youth, this was their first hands on experience with farm animals. With 13 different stations, “Youth Farm Field Day” brings agriculture resource persons from across the state together with local youth. To the left, children wait for their turn to “milk” Kentucky Kate.



A teacher and youth from Cedar Grove Elementary enjoy an “Old Fashioned Hayride”.

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