

EXTENSION Today



IN GREEN COUNTY

In Green 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 Green 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.

Be a Book Cook

The Green County FCS agent partnered with the Green County Library to promote the first “Be a Book Cook” program that focused on children ages 2-4. Be a Book Cook promotes trying new foods, bonding with children in the kitchen and literacy. The idea behind the program is to teach children how to cook in the kitchen with the help of their parents or guardians. Each child received a book which featured a recipe. Be a Book Cook was a four part series that focused on where foods come from, the importance of calcium for healthy bones, washing hands, and many other topics. Over the course of the year over 80 children and their parents or guardians participated in the program. By the end of the program, 100% of the children could say why it was important to wash their hands and 100% of the children tasted the foods they made and 90% of the parents or guardians said they were going to cook with their children at home.



Reaching Out to Green County



Educational Programs

Programs presented	264
Total participants	34,847

Educational Contacts

Clientele visits	1,185
Telephone consultations	981
Newsletters distributed	7,471

Volunteer Development

Volunteers	473
Volunteer hours	19,886
Clientele reached by volunteers	66,736

Extension In New Location

A goal of your Cooperative Extension Service for many years has been to have a facility that would serve our community with educational programs. As programs have grown, space and accessibility has become a major issue. We are excited to now be open for business at our new location in Happyville, the former Stor More Building. The location has approximately 10,000 square feet of finished office space that includes a large meeting room, two smaller meeting rooms and a “teaching” kitchen. There is also a large, covered, unfinished space that can be used for community events as well. We are excited about the opportunity of being able to expand programs and provide a facility that can be utilized by our community.



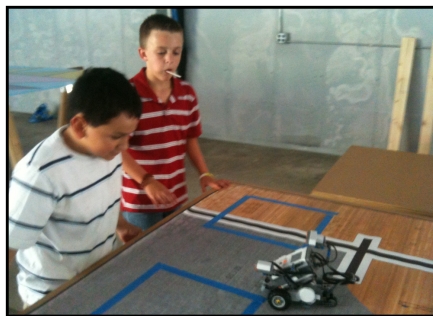
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Agriculture Leadership Program



With living in a rural community that has an aging population; cooperative extension leaders have stated that it is critical to help develop the next group of

leaders for our community. The Green County Cooperative Extension Service, in a collaborative effort with the Taylor County Cooperative Extension Service, formed and implemented the Green/Taylor Agriculture Leadership Program. This program was a nine part series instructing and educating its participants on issues such as government, management skills, working with the media, globalization, building partnerships, agriculture issues, and involved an Illinois agriculture tour. The 17 participants were able to not only receive high quality, in-depth information; they were able to network and form bonds across county lines. 79% of the participants stated in their evaluations that the information they learned would not only help in their operations and home life, but it would also aid in how they can help their community. The group now plans on meeting on a regular basis to implement and promote programs designed to help with issues involving both our communities and in agriculture.



Through a grant from the JC Penney's Foundation, Green County 4-H was able to start a Robotics Club this year. Youth learned to build and program robots. The next robotics club will start in January.

Information at Your Fingertips

Where is the quickest, most up-to-date way to learn about programs offered by your County Cooperative Extension Service? Check out our sites on the world wide web.

www.greencountyag.com
www.greencountyfcs.org
www.greencounty4-H.org



4-H Starts With Cloverbuds

Since the early 1900s, 4-H has been a youth program for kids ages 9 to 18. This year, 4-H started younger with Cloverbuds. These youth ages five to eight met monthly and participated in 4-H topics like Horses (*pictured above*), windowsill garden, Green River critters, etc. Several of the members participated in the County Fair and Dog Show as well as the State Fair. The club was led by Michelle Eastham and had lots of parental involvement. The 2012 Cloverbud program will be starting in January and everyone age five to eight is welcome.

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