



2024

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

Boyle County Cooperative Extension Office

Welcome to the Boyle County Extension Office!

99 CORPORATE DRIVE, DANVILLE KY

We are fortunate to have a beautiful and functional facility here in Boyle County and we are committed to keeping you updated on its usage! On the right you will see a general idea of how this facility is being used as well as how many people we have seen come through our doors in 2023. We are excited to see how these numbers continue to grow as more and more people visit our facilities and see all it has to offer.

Wondering how you or your group might be able to use this facility?

- Meetings must be educational.
- No selling of merchandise for personal gain or profit to participants or individuals.
- No private functions allowed, these private functions include but are not limited to: Baby and wedding showers, receptions, birthday parties, family reunions, social affairs, sorority/fraternity functions, banquets, etc.
- Political meetings and fundraisers of any kind for/related to any single party are not permitted.
- The Boyle County Extension Office is available for fundraisers that support Boyle County Cooperative Extension Agent Programs, Extension Groups, and Extension Partner Groups.

BCES Usage Data

Number of Extension Partner Groups or Agent Led Programs

488 Programs
7,710 In Attendance

Number of Non-Extension Partner Groups Programs

22 Programs
963 In Attendance



Cooperative Extension Service

Agriculture and Natural Resources
Family and Consumer Sciences
4-H Youth Development
Community and Economic Development

MARTIN-GATTON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

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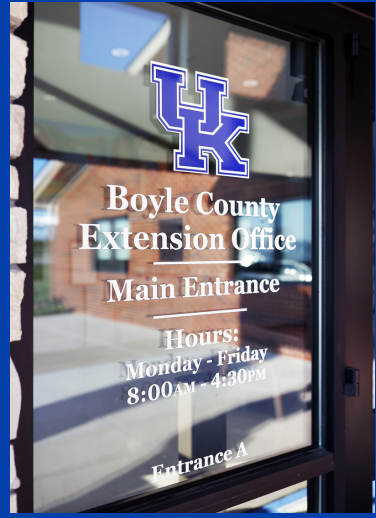
HAVE YOU MET OUR STAFF?



We might be biased but we think we have some of the best staff in all of Cooperative Extension! Each one of these phenomenal people honor the mission of the Cooperative Extension Service and make this office run to the best of its ability. We are so grateful to call them ours!

- Staff Assistants - Mary Catherine Rowland, Cynara Perez-Switzer, Romona Taylor
- Facilities - Barry Rice, Mike Hatchel
- Program Assistants - Billie Jo Graves, Debbie Morris, Heather Morris, Millie Ledford
- Agents - Kim Ragland, Alethea Bruzek, Alexis Sheffield, Tyler Ray

- Main Office**
Rooms to fit 10-296 people
9 kitchens
- Pavilion**
Bathrooms, concessions
Bleachers for 80 people
- Project Room**
Seats 30, wipe down walls
and floor drains
- Shooting Range**
For air rifle and archery
practice





Recipe Club

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension encourages families to make proactive choices to improve individual health and well-being, whether choosing a low fat, nutritious diet, increasing health literacy for chronic disease prevention, or participating in regular physical activity. Recipe Club is a monthly mailing that addresses health and wellbeing, how to eat a nutritious diet, increasing health literacy while promoting chronic disease prevention.

Each month the FCS program area sends the Recipe Club newsletter by mail and by email. The newsletter includes several SNAP eligible recipes, flyers for cooking classes and upcoming events, and articles related to chronic disease prevention. The target audience for this newsletter is any and every Boyle County resident who may have or have high risk for chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and any other nutrition related illness. The target audience also includes but is not limited to Danville Housing Authority residents, people who receive SNAP, WIC, EBT and/or Senior Vouchers.

Currently there are 136 people receiving the Recipe Club newsletter. There are 70 copies mailed and 66 receive it by email. Aside from the mailed and emailed copies, Recipe Club reaches 175 households through the commodity food box distribution. Copies are also available up front at the Extension Office. Impact on participants include 90% of recipients have used or planned to use the recipes provided. Recipients reported becoming more aware of Extension programming and services. Of the mailed/emailed recipients, 28% of them have attended an Extension program after hearing about it through Recipe Club. Most recipients also reported learning something new and/or interesting from the monthly newsletter.

Resources used include the FCS program assistant, marketing materials for NEP, and FCS marketing materials such as Healthy Choices Newsletters, Agent Exclusives, and news release articles. Volunteers at the First Christian Church help pack the newsletters in the commodity boxes. Danville Housing Authority employees hand deliver the newsletters with the commodity boxes to their residents. There is also a link to sign up for Recipe Club on our website and social media pages.



Family & Consumer Sciences

AGENT: ALETHEA BRUZEK

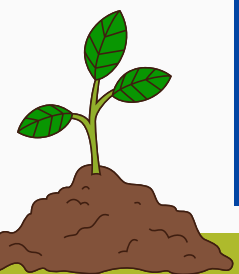




New Podcast for Plant Lovers

"Hort Culture," a new weekly podcast created by the Boyle and Bourbon County Horticulture Agents and experts from the Center for Crop Diversification at the University of Kentucky. With a library of 50 episodes and an impressive 4.6K downloads, this podcast has become a beacon of knowledge and inspiration for agriculture enthusiasts and aspiring farmers alike.

What sets "Hort Culture" apart is its unwavering dedication to educating listeners about the multifaceted world of farming. Through engaging conversations, expert insights, and a genuine passion for horticulture, the podcast explores the business, production, and pure joy that comes from cultivating the land. This unique blend of practical advice and heartfelt stories has resonated with a global audience, as evidenced by the podcast's reach. "Hort Culture" has crossed borders and been downloaded in 17 countries, underlining its universal appeal and the importance of the knowledge it imparts to anyone with an interest in agriculture. As the podcast continues to grow and flourish, it remains a testament to the power of sharing expertise and fostering a sense of community within the farming world.



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Horticulture

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Adult Leaders Begin the Leadership Journey at 4-H Camp

Kentucky has one of the largest, most dynamic 4-H summer camping programs in America with more than 13,000 attending in 2023. Each week of camp, youth ages 9-14 participate as campers with adult counselors (AC) 18 and over attending as chaperones. But perhaps the group who benefits the most consists of the 15-18-year-old senior 4-Hers who serve as Junior Counselors (JC).

Boyle, Lincoln, and Powell counties have camped together for nearly 20 years and have developed a unique leadership pipeline that identifies campers with leadership potential, trains and builds a leadership cohort in a counselor-in-training (CIT) year (14-year-olds), fully involves 15-18-year-old Junior Counselors in a youth-adult partnership that plans and conducts camp, and finally targets JC alumni as adult counselors and county volunteer leaders.

In 2023, Boyle County took 143 campers, 5 CITs, 18 JCs, and 23 ACs to summer camp. That total is more than double the 90 required and our camping group filled more than 100% of the beds on camp. Of the 5 CITs, 4 had attended camp in the past as campers. Of the 18 JCs, all 18 completed the CIT year of training in the past. Of the 23 ACs, 13 are past 4-H Camp Junior Counselors and 10 of those were campers, CITs, and JCs in Boyle County 4-H specifically. That means 68% of the volunteer leaders at 4-H Camp for Boyle County in 2023 had completed the Boyle County 4-H camp leadership pipeline of camper to CIT to JC and/or AC.

Beyond camp leadership, 50% of the 4-H representatives on the District Board, 44% of the 4-H Council members on the County Extension Council, and 74% of the 4-H Council members have completed the 4-H Camp leadership program and are now serving in additional leadership roles.

The Boyle/Lincoln/Powell 4-H Camp Leadership model has been shared and recognized statewide and nationally. It is a living example of 4-H programming resulting in long-term outcomes of leadership and citizenship among its participants.



4-H Youth Development

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Boyle County Farmer Safety

In recent years Boyle County and the surrounding area have seen several farm related injuries. To shine a light on preventing farming related injuries and promoting farm safety, the Boyle County ANR Agent and Horticulture Agent partnered with the Boyle County Farm Bureau Federation to develop an all-inclusive educational program to raise awareness to farm safety with an emphasis in grain bin entrapment and rescue. The educational program was held on August 1st, 2023, at the Boyle County Cooperative Extension Office. The program featured Kentucky Department of Agriculture Safety Administrator. In attendance was numerous first responders from Danville Fire Department, Boyle County Fire Department, Boyle County Sheriff Department, elected officials, high school agriculture teachers, FFA members and many farmers. This first initial educational program will lead to more in later months leading to local first responders receiving training on grain bin entrapment rescue and equipment for these emergencies.

On February 10, the Boyle County Cooperative Extension and the Boyle County Farm Bureau Federation hosted a grain bin entrapment training for first responders at Caverndale Farms. Kentucky Department of Agriculture lead the training. First Responders learned rescue techniques and how to use critical, lifesaving equipment. A total of 35 farmers and first responders were in attendance.



**Agriculture
&
Natural Resources**
AGENT: TYLER RAY

