

# REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

## FLEMING COUNTY

**UK** Cooperative Extension Service

2024

### FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

#### Laugh and Learn Program

In the Fall, the Fleming County Extension Office partnered with the Early Childhood Development class at Fleming County High School, led by Mrs. Earlywine, to bring the Laugh and Learn program to the community. Held on the first Wednesday of each month, the program invites children accompanied by a supervising adult to participate in various stations designed to enhance fine and gross motor skills, aligning with Kentucky Kindergarten Readiness goals.

Laugh and Learn has strengthened community connections by providing a space for families to engage in meaningful learning experiences while empowering high school students to serve as positive role models.

The session included 9 children and 10 high school students, fostering a collaborative and impactful learning environment.

#### *Little ones learn new skills.*



#### DID YOU KNOW...

340 youth and 85 adults in Fleming County have gained nutrition knowledge through FCS programming.

6 individuals have completed the Homebased Microprocessing training, gaining valuable skills for home food processing.

### AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Small & Beginning Farmer School

In fall of 2024 the former District 1 Agriculture and Horticulture Agents hosted the Small and Beginning Farmer School at Morehead State University Farm. The group assessed the need for such a program due to the number of small and new farmer questions coming into area Extension Offices.

Fleming County Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) agent, Rebecca Konopka, Carter ANR, and Linda Hieneman, Greenup ANR planned the day long event. Topics included: first steps, enterprises to consider, farm design and layout, and record keeping. The topics were covered by University of Kentucky subject matter specialists and Johnson County Extension Agent.

Partnering organizations/groups were in attendance to share the available resources and assistance that they offer that could be beneficial for small and new farmers.

Over 75 people were in attendance.

#### *Area farmers welcome new resources.*



#### DID YOU KNOW...

321 Soil fertility recommendations were prepared from soil samples submitted through the Extension Office.

28 Farmers Market Members completed training to provide locally grown/made products to Fleming County.

25 people used Extension resources to identify insects and pests.



## Students testing water quality.



### DID YOU KNOW...

175 Number of Youth (5-18) engaged in Natural Resources 4-H programming.

300 Number of Youth (5-18) engaged in 4-H Specialty Camping (Environmental, etc.) Programming.

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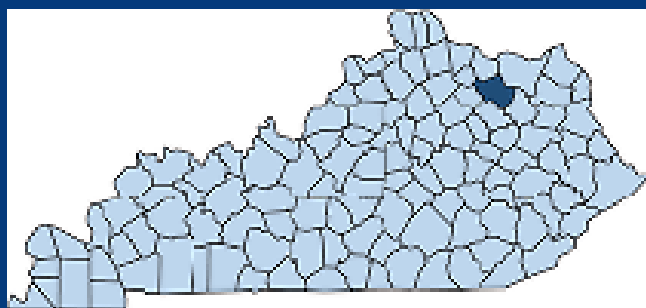
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### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

#### **Growing on the Inside by Being Outside**

The Kentucky 4-H Environmental Education Camp (EE CAMP) Program aims to provide elementary students with an opportunity to learn about Kentucky's natural resources in an out of school setting. The program is designed for 4th and 5th grade classrooms with tailored lesson plans that supplement Next Generation Science Standards. Class instructors provide meaningful, hands-on programs to educate youth in environmental sciences along with cross-cutting concepts to bolster their in-class learning.

Each of the four 4-H Camps has a unique menu of classes to choose from that complements the natural setting of their location using curriculum from Project WET, Project WILD, Project UNDERGROUND, 4-H curriculum, and many others. Educational classes include content on lake studies, Kentucky history, animal tracks, nocturnal animals, owl pellets, cave studies, enviroscape, nature hikes, Kentucky mammals, bird adaptations, and even more are added each season. Classes include fishing, archery, and teambuilding.

74 Ky schools from 19 counties, participated in 4-H EE Camp. 5,288 students, 1,560 volunteer adults, and 92 extension staff were present for day and overnight programs. For 2024, all 4th grade classrooms from Fleming County Schools participated.

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