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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

ANDERSON COUNTY

Anderson County became Kentucky's 82nd County on January 16th 1827 when the General Assembly passed an act that formed the new county out of land from Franklin, Mercer and Washington. Records show that the extension service began in 1934 when George Insko was hired as agriculture agent, three years later the home economics program began with the hiring of Helen Morgan Sherman. The first full time 4H agent, John Wilson, was hired in 1971.





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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

OUR PROGRAM

Anderson County 4-H Youth Development programs focus on providing opportunities for youth to experience belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity to build leaders with marketable skills in today's society. 4-H focuses on the following seven core content areas: Agriculture, Healthy Living, Family & Consumer Science, **Communications, Natural** Resources, Leadership, & Science, Engineering & Technology.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 4-H Summer Camp Anderson County took our 2nd largest camping group to North Central 4-H Camp, where students participated in a variety of activities that promote independence and mastery.
- Teen Leadership Programs 24 teens participate in leadership opportunities that include teen council meetings, retreats, service projects, workshops, and teen conferences.
- 4-H Environmental Camp Over 260
 4th & 5th graders from Anderson
 County schools attended overnight
 environmental camps and participated
 in environmental education lessons.
- Capitol Experience 14 youth attended Capitol Experience in Frankfort where they learned about the legislation process, met with officials, and toured the Capitol.
- Reality Store Over 240 8th grade students at Anderson County Middle School participated in this hands-on, activity that gave them the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those that will be faced as adults.
- Dollars and Sense Around 300 5th graders at Baker participated in the Dollars and Sense Program and learned about needs, wants and making good financial decisions.

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ANR

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The Agriculture and Natural Resources program focused hard in 2024 on sampling for soil and forage quality, disease and pest identification, and farmer safety. In addition to those efforts I visited over 30 farms, met with over 75 producers, and walked over 4000 acres of crops and pastures. From Cattlemen's organization meetings to county festivals, I sought out ways to become more involved in the community. As a new agent I made it my goal to partner with as many organizations as I could, to help develop relationships with community partners, and become more familiar with this place. I work alongside Farm Bureau, the county Conservation District, high school FFA, the Farmers Market, the Health Department and more. We offered joint programing with other extension offices in the area like our Master Cattlemen, Tobacco Producers Meeting, Beef Conference, and Equine Field Day. I also took many of the opportunities for professional development last year and attended many important trainings, Farm Bureau annual meeting, and became highly involved in the AG agents associations KACAA.

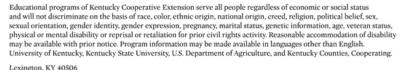


HIGHLIGHTS

- 55 Hay samples tested across the county
- 186 soil samples taken and tested
- Enrolled 10 farms in the new Safe Farm Steward program
- Identified 37 insect pests or diseases affecting producers
- Reestablished an Advisory Council to guide programing
- Helped producers gain access to hundreds of thousands of grant and cost sharing dollars
- Began publishing a monthly newsletter that is now circulating to over 500 people each month

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FCS

OUR PROGRAM

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension improves the quality of individual and family life through education, research, and outreach. FCS focuses on the following seven initiatives: Making **Healthy Lifestyle Choices, Nurturing Families**, **Embracing Life as You** Age, Securing Financial Stability, Promoting **Healthy Homes and** Communities, Accessing **Nutritious Food, and Empowering Community** Leaders.



HIGHLIGHTS

Physical Activity Programs
 Offered 10 week Bingocize program for senior adults to encourage physical activity and health education.

Homemaker Clubs

Homemakers is a volunteer organization that works to improve the quality of life for families/communities through leadership development, volunteer service and education.

Kindergarten Readiness
 offer 4 programs a year to
 help families strengthen their
 children's physical, social,
 emotional, and cognitive
 skills.

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JOINT PROGRAMMING

WHAT WE DO

We continue to seek out ways to combine efforts to create more wholistic, broad-based programming, so that we can reach a greater audience. Programs like Safety Day and Easter at The Farm are a joint effort between 4-H, ANR and FCS. These programs bring in several community partners to help serve the community.





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

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