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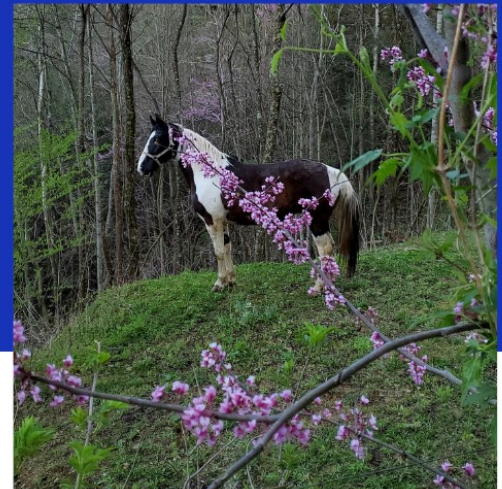


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Leslie County 4-H Camp

A Growing Tradition of Engagement

This year marked another significant achievement for Leslie County 4-H, with 45 youth attending the J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp—located in London, KY. This number represents a continued increase from previous years, showing a clear upward trend in our ability to engage more youth year after year. With a 3-year average of 39.33 campers, we are building a strong foundation for even greater success in the future. In Leslie County, where 34.6% of the population live below the poverty line, providing youth with the opportunity to attend 4-H camp is a vital endeavor. Many families in our community face financial challenges that make it difficult to cover the cost of sending their children to camp. Fundraising efforts ensured that camp was accessible to every child, regardless of their financial background. These efforts helped offset costs for families and allowed us to sponsor youth in need, ensuring no one was left behind.



4-H camp is much more than a fun summer getaway; it's an opportunity for youth to learn valuable life skills, build self-esteem, and develop a sense of independence.

All the Buzz



The Leslie County Extension Office has been working to stress the importance of the honeybee to new generations. Nathan Howard, a Leslie County youth, with the help of the Extension Office received a scholarship to attend the North American Bee Expo as a Next Gen participant. The NextGen program brings young people to the conference and gives them the VIP treatment with educational programming and the opportunity to meet industry leaders in the Apiculture world. As a result of this programming Nathan is an active member of our local bee club and has begun his own apiary thanks to donations from local individuals and businesses.



Family and Consumer Science

The Joy of Giving

The holiday season often brings joy but also financial pressure as families try to balance budgets with gift-giving, decorations, and meals. Many residents expressed the need for affordable, creative ways to celebrate the holidays without overspending.

As a result of these requests, the Quicksand Area Holiday Road Show was developed and brought festive inspiration and practical solutions to 238 participants in Leslie, Wolfe, Perry, Owsley, Letcher, Lee, Knott and Breathitt counties.

The Road show offered innovative ideas for holiday decorating, gift wrapping and healthy recipes as well as emphasizing reusing materials, budgeting and making thoughtful handmade gifts.

As a result of the program:

- 67% of participants planned to make financial changes such as budgeting and reusing decorations.
- 139 participants intended to try the recipes.

In a follow up survey:

- Participant estimated saving a total of \$5,315 through strategies learned in the program. Savings reflected diverse applications of budgeting and resourceful holiday planning. Participants shared numerous strategies on how they plan to save money during the holidays. Two popular quotes included:

“Place wants last and needs first, less spending.”

“We are making our gifts. We are budgeting money more and spending less.”

Through this program, the Quicksand Area Extension FCS Agents empowered participants to approach the holidays with creativity and resourcefulness, turning potential stress into an opportunity for meaningful celebrations.



Leslie County Extension and the Hyden Extension Homemakers presented lap quilts to the Hyden Rehabilitation Center residents. These ladies gave of their time and skills to create and present 86 quilts.

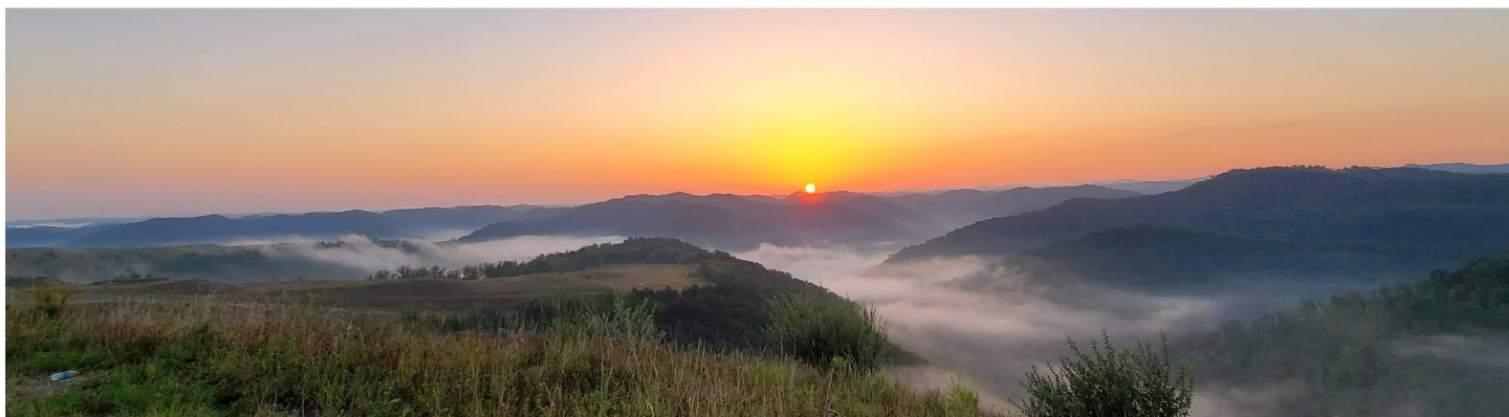
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Heirship Property

Heirs' property is land that has been inherited by multiple families because a will was not in place when the original owner died. The property then transfers to the deceased owner's spouse, children, or other heirs who have a legal right to the property. If those heirs do nothing to clear the deed among themselves, then upon their death their heirs will inherit their portion of the land in question. This continues on and on until clearing up the deed is almost impossible. Not having a clear deed limits what you can do with the land and leaves treasured family land vulnerable to real estate developers and investors if taxes are not paid on the land. Leslie County leads the nation in Heir's property and this was demonstrated by one participant stating she was an heir of 26 acres along with 400 of her family members.

In order to help with this need the Leslie County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources and Liken Knowledge hosted a Free Will & Heirship clinic for the residents of Leslie County. Participants were given the opportunity to meet with a lawyer and write or revise their will free of charge. This event also featured a recurring presentation on Heirs property. The program was made possible by a \$2,200 grant from Kentucky State University that the Agricultural Agent worked to secure.

Fourteen Leslie Countians received complimentary wills, at a savings of \$300 or more. They also gained valuable knowledge on managing Heirs property. This initiative not only provided essential legal documentation but also equipped participants with the understanding needed to navigate the often-complex issues associated with Heirs property, fostering a sense of security and empowerment within the community. 100% of the people who attended the Free Will Clinic received a free will and gained knowledge about how to handle Heir's property.



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