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REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

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Women in Ag

On the average 76 % of all the land in the four river counties is in crop production. Three of the four counties Ballard, Carlisle, and Fulton County have over 33 million in average crop sales. Hickman County sells over 56 million in crop sales. In all four counties, there is an average of 24.75% female farm operators. Our program this year for the Women in Ag Seminar was to concentrate on handling farm stress and its impact on the family farm. Dr. Paul Norrod presented Handling Farm Stress. Jennifer Rogers talked on Tax and Economic issues affecting women and farm families. FSA mentioned agency updates. Mike Keller did a demonstration using slow cooker and beef chuck. River Valley Ag Credit provided lunch. 98% of those surveyed said they were some to very capable in making changes in their farming and family life after the farm stress presentation. 65% mentioned that they were very capable of dealing with taxes and financial planning. 73% of those attending felt they would use information in the slow cooker demonstration. 100% of those surveyed said the sessions were just right in length and to the point. By the year, 2050 Agriculture producers will have to increase food production by 70%; hopefully our producers will take this information and handle stress better on their farms.



Above: Participants learn best practice for land management and hunting.
Left: Prize pack donated by local businesses.



Wildlife Management & CWD

The average total farmland used for production in each county is around 85% of the land. In 2021, the number of acres of land used for hunting was 225,343 acres. That same year 1194 deer were harvested in the Purchase area region. Carlisle, Fulton and Hickman County hosted a wildlife management and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) meeting. One goal was to offer land owners and farmers a better way to manage their land for wildlife with minimum impact to their farm. Dr. Matt Springer presented topics on food plot selection and placement, along with deer management and weed control in food plots.

The second half of the meeting was to inform hunters and landowners about CWD-Chronic Wasting Disease updates and checking procedures in the county provided by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Eighty-six per cent of those in attendance expressed that they gained information they could use to improve both wildlife habitats and their deer check-in methods. Ninety-nine per cent said the meeting was relevant and useful. All in attendance were served supper sponsored by a local bank from each county. At the conclusion of the meeting, there was a drawing for door prizes presented by local businesses.



UK Specialist Dr Paul Norrod addresses Rural Mental Health & Farm Stress

CloverBuds - Fun with Agriculture

The future of Agriculture begins with our youth. In Carlisle County, 81 percent of the land is in crop production. Agriculture is a driving force in Carlisle County. With this in mind, the Carlisle County Extension Service hosted Clover Bud Day Camp - "Fun With Agriculture;" each day had a different ag theme. June 13 was Barns; build a barn activity, hogs- a virtual trip to a hog farm, piglet activity, chickens and eggs, egg activity and egg on spoon race. June 14 included vegetables and a virtual trip to vegetable farm, seed and grasshopper activity, veggies tasting, handprint carrot garden, also we talked about crops and tasted edamame/soybeans, tofu, and they planted sunflower seeds to take home. The last day beef and dairy cattle farms were visited virtually, clover buds were able to taste different milks, goats and sheep trivia was one of the activities, and a Kentucky Derby horse race finished off the day with pool noodle horses. The 20 students and parents all felt they were able to focus on how agriculture affects their lives each day.



Dolly Parton Imagination Library signup available for all Carlisle County residents ages 0-5. Participants receive monthly book mailings delivered to their home.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Carlisle County

Early childhood literacy and school readiness is a concern in Carlisle County. According to the data center of kidscount.org, between 2012-2018 345 preschool age children met headstart eligibility for meeting at-risk income standards and developmental delays and disabilities. Combined with the statistics that 102 children were born into "low income" households between the years of 2012-2018, community partners in the school system and local government partnered with Family and Consumer Science Extension and Extension Homemakers to address the issues. It was decided that implementing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) into the county would not only potentially supply free books to children under age 5, but will also provide families with an opportunity for family reading and bonding. After compiling research regarding funding, the decision was made between the partnership that the Carlisle County Fiscal Court would fund the DPIL for youth of Carlisle County while FCS Extension and Extension Homemakers serve as the supporting non-profit organization. Thanks to this partnership, all 319 children under 5 in the county will have access to free books mailed directly to their homes. Ongoing efforts will continue within the collaborative to monitor and support this program.



Above: Cloverbuds learn about pest management through interactive activities.

Below: Participants "chase piglets" as they learn about different farming practices.



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