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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Appalachian Proud!



Fourth and Fifth grade youth (150) at East Perry Elementary participated in the 4-H Appalachian Heritage Day in November. The Extension Services of Perry, Letcher, and Leslie brought in classes pertaining to six different aspects of heritage skills. Each year the troupe presents in each of these three counties. This year EPE was contacted to participate in Perry.

Youth learned about the Mountain Dulcimer from Leslie Ag Agent, Ray Wilson. He had them reading music and playing a couple of songs together on actual dulcimers. For many, this was a first time experience. Crystal Smith, Letcher 4-H Agent, covered the fiber class- particularly natural fibers cotton and wool - and the youth learned the processes from fiber to fabric, ending up creating paper quilt blocks that were combined into the class "quilt". Lee Adams, Letcher 4-H Assistant, taught the making of cornshuck dolls. Mitch Whitaker, Program Assistant from Letcher gave the youth hands-on experience in some of the early forms of games that early settler youth had available. Vicki

Boggs, Leslie 4-H Agent, and her assistant showed the youth several food preservation methods, many of which we still use today. The 4-H'ers were treated to hot Journey or Johnny cakes as well. Then across the hall were Patara Strunk and Reda Fugate with the warm apple butter and a discussion of the harvest and food items of the early citizens. The hallway in the 4th/5th wing smelled pretty good that day! The youth and their teachers were all smiles as they changed from class to class. This program brought to life several social studies and practical living concepts and created participants out of the students with hands-on activities.



4-H Reality Store: Twenty Years in Perry County



The 4-H Workforce Prep program referred to as the Reality Store has been targeting jr high students now for 20 years! The goal of this program is to let each student work toward successfully making budgetary ends meet for one month. In other words – try out how it is to be providing a living with a paycheck. Sounds simple enough, however each student (and for this day each youth is 25 years old) has a job with a salary that has come from their career

cluster, their current grades in school and attendance record, and a job market pressure. They have drawn for a family size to provide for as well. They must figure and deduct their FICA and state income tax and the UNCLE SAM's booth will provide them a deduction for their federal income tax. The BANK booth lets them “open” a savings account and a checking or debit account. From that point they must make some “expenditure” decisions at each of the booths – HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, INSURANCE, PROPERTY TAXES, UTILITIES, CHILDCARE, GROCERIES, HEALTH & BEAUTY, CLOTHING, COMMUNICATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT, FURNITURE,

CONTRIBUTIONS, and if they need it SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME. There is a CHANCE Booth that has them draw for those unexpected surprises in life. Over the years we have had youth give their reactions to this experience. Besides the better understanding of how their school grades today will affect the earning power of tomorrow and the importance of post-secondary education, the youth have been reporting that they hadn't before understood all the different expenses that their parents were obligated for each month and now why the parents said they couldn't "afford" some purchase request by that student. Or that having a child to provide for increases the family expenses so much that they see it is better to get a better paying job before they start a family. The best part is that it makes the student *think* about their situation in the not-so-distant future and they still have time to do something about it.



It takes many volunteers to man the Booths to accommodate every 7th grader in the county/city district...356 to be exact. There were 36 Booth Leaders and at least 20 classroom teachers that gave their time and attention to each of these 356 students to make this program effective! Some of the Booth Reps have been present or supportive for ALL 20 YEARS! These were recognized at the event luncheon :

- JOHN GROSS and the PVA Office (Property Tax)
- PEOPLE'S BANK & TRUST (Bank)
- KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY (Utilities)
- KENTUCKY RIVER PROPERTIES (Supporter)

Other Booth Reps (and many of them have served multiple years!) this year include:

Family Resource and Youth Services Directors, JC Penney's Tanielle Kemper and Jayne Campbell (Clothing Booth), Department of Employment Services' Phyllis Williams and Angie Higgins (Supplemental Income), UK Nutrition Educators (Groceries), Perry Co.



Extension (Transportation) as well as community leaders: Barb Weaver, Mary Jo Housley, Pat Rienstenburg, Nancy and Larry Pratt, Rae Ann Barnett, Sarah Olinger, Vana Sue Francis.

It truly takes a village! Thank You Village!



SEASONS GREETINGS!

Monday, December 19th

Civic Engagement Day: Come to the Extension Office and help make baby blankets for newborns! This day is an intergenerational sewing day and if you don't know how to use a sewing machine...we will TEACH you! The workshop is 9 AM to 11 AM. Come have fun in the sewing group, learn or practice a skill, and help provide a necessity for a new child!



Tuesday, December 20th

4-H Sewing Workshop Day: Both boys and girls will learn to make a very usable duffle bag from pre-quilted fabrics. This bag is a great size for those sleepovers or overnight trips! This workshop will begin at 9 AM and conclude when the duffle bag is completed that day. Lunch will be provided. Enrollment is required and deadline is important. Workshop will be held at the Perry County Extension Office.



Wednesday, December 21st

4-H Cupcake Wars! Here is the date for the 1st Perry County 4-H Cupcake War... details to be announced. The event will begin at 9 AM that day. Enrollment is required and the deadline will be observed. Participants will need to wear aprons and long hair will need to be pulled back and secured. Entry forms will soon be available on the Perry County 4-H Facebook Page.

*Hazard and Perry County Youth ages 10 to 18 eligible, (previous 4-H experience may make an exception in War, see agent) age determined as of January 1, 2017



All enrollments/entry forms are due by Friday, December 9th 4:30 PM to the Perry County Extension Service. 436-2044



RWC 4-H Club, leader Ms Jennifer Reynolds, collected over 400 items for the Mission Store in November...Helping Hands with a lot of Heart!



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| December 1 | All 4-H Achievement Applications Due to Ext Office |
| December 4 | YLPI Civic Engagement Project, PCES 1:30 PM |
| December 9 | Deadline for 4-H Activities Sign-up |
| December 13 | Natural Resource 4-H Academy 2 nd quarterly meeting |
| December 16 | RW Combs 4-H Club at Hazard Nursing Home |
| December 19 | Civic Engagement project with baby blankets |
| December 19 | YLPI Holiday Fun 6 – 8 PM |
| December 20 | Duffle Bag Sewing 4-H Workshop |
| December 21 | 4-H Cupcake Wars (check Perry County 4-H FB page for info) |