



3,652

face-to-face contacts in
local programming

Partners for Solutions

“As our clientele become acquainted with new practices and as new people move into the county, the challenge for our office is to adapt and stay relevant while continuing to provide real, science-based solutions. We have to constantly evolve. It keeps things fresh and exciting, and no two days at this job are ever the same.”



Phillip Meeks
Agent



Heritage Day campers and volunteers display their quilt squares.

Sharing Knowledge

Wise County Extension held our first Appalachian Heritage Day Camp in June 2023, sponsored by a grant through Berea College. The camp was spread into five full days and was held at the Country Cabin in Norton. Each morning, the campers divided into two groups to learn the banjo and guitar. Our music instructors were Tyler Hughes, Carla Gover, and Mitch Barrett. The instruments were provided by Pro-Art Association.

Each day's lunch consisted of a traditional Appalachian meal like chicken and dumplings or soup beans and cornbread. During the afternoon, campers had hands-on lessons from multiple volunteers. The afternoon workshops included trapping, canning, quilting, storytelling, line dancing, flatfooting, native plants, local history and a tour of the Southwest Virginia Historical Museum.

Wise County

Funding by Source



36% State

33% Local

15% Federal

7% Grants

9% Other

Total Funding: \$426,450

\$2.03

return on investment
for every dollar
invested by the county
in York County/City of
Poquoson

\$82,113

value of extension
volunteer hours in
York County/City of
Poquoson

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