

Buchanan County



Community Voices

“The Buchanan County Extension Office is an amazing partner for Buchanan County Public Schools. The Extension Office plays an integral role in providing programs for Buchanan County students, not only during the school day but during our after-school programs and our summer program as well. Through their programming and interactions with our students, Mrs. Weekley and her staff help our students grow both in character and leadership.”



Karen Taylor
Secondary/CTE Supervisor,
Director of Testing, Buchanan
County Public Schools

1,977

youth participate in 4-H

Partners for Solutions

“The partnership between the Buchanan County School System and Buchanan County 4-H has allowed 4-H to serve over 1,977 youth. 4-H empowers youth with life skills such as leadership, teamwork, character, healthy lifestyle choices, goal-setting, communication, and social skills. As the 4-H agent, it is rewarding to see youth gain skills that make an impact in their lives.”



**Sandra Shortridge
Weekley**
Agent



Buchanan County eighth grade students participate in the 2023 4-H Reality Store financial simulation.

Sharing Knowledge

Students regularly make decisions that affect their futures, including educational paths, career options, lifetime skills, and family living. The 4-H Reality Store financial simulation was hosted for 207 eighth graders. Sixty volunteers gave youth a glimpse into their future by helping to increase awareness of skills in financial planning, goal-setting, decision-making, and career planning, along with examining personal and career aspirations.

Students were assigned an occupation based on their educational plans after high school and an amount of money equivalent to the monthly salary for that occupation. They spent the money on necessities and luxuries they envisioned in an adult lifestyle.

Post-surveys indicated that 91% of participants increased their awareness of smart financial decisions, 94% thought insurance and a savings account help in an emergency, and 60% reported the need for higher education/credentials for a better job.

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Funding by Source



37% State

14% Local

19% Federal

29% Grants

1% Other

Total Funding: \$313,707

\$6.36

return on investment
for every dollar
invested by the county
in **Buchanan County**

\$20,636

value of extension
volunteer hours in
Buchanan County

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