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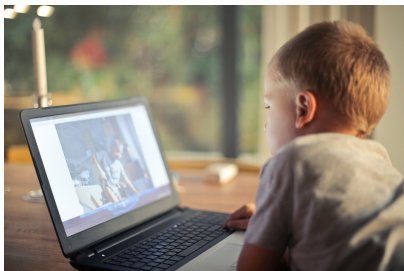
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Finding New Ways to Serve in 2020-2021

With the unexpected arrival of COVID-19 in 2020, businesses around the world have had to adapt to the new changes brought by the virus.

The Virginia Cooperative Extension - Danville City office is no exception. From partnering with neighboring offices to bring virtual options to students to beginning our own initiatives to reach clients in Danville, we are striving to maintain programming for residents of the "River City."

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Photo taken August 2019

Staying Engaged while Pushing Forward

Adapting to our "new normal" has been a challenging and rewarding experience for Danville 4-H. After the outbreak of the pandemic, our program sought out unique methods in which we might be able to serve area youth. Here is a look at some of our more recent programming for area children.

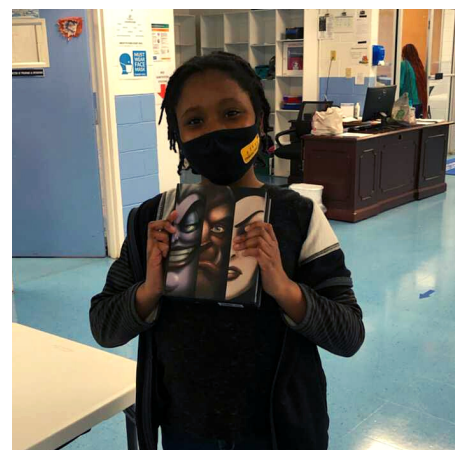
Over past several months, Danville 4-H has been using a variety of virtual options to offer programming to area youth. One way that this is achieved is through the use of virtual lessons.

From virtual science lessons with middle school youth from O.T. Bonner or weekly Zoom sessions with children in the local Boys & Girls Club's 21st Century program, our office has sought out creative solutions to continue programming services in the city.

Meetings for clubs such as the Danville 4-H Teen Leadership Club have also continued in a virtual format. The pandemic may have brought new challenges, but we strive to continue providing area youth with enrichment through 4-H programs.

"I am working to create more partnerships with local resources to continue delivering quality programming in these difficult times. We are working with Parks and Rec, Master Gardeners, Boys & Girls Club, and the school system to continue to enrich the lives of our citizens."

Daniel Hale - Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development





All Things Green

We've been keeping a green thumb around town with some garden and plant themed programs. This past summer, Danville 4-H and VCE's Family and Nutrition program partnered with Boys & Girls Club of the Danville Area to bring "Garden To Go" kits to areas students.

Students were able to grow vegetable plants in containers at home with the eventual goal being that they would provide the family with food once mature.



Danville Master Gardeners have also been adapting with the times and have been conducting business virtually. Meetings, programs, learning opportunities, and even an upcoming garden tour in February have all been offered in a virtual, online capacity.

For more information about the Master Gardeners and their current projects, visit their website at: <https://danvillemastergardeners.org/>

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