Tucker County Annual Report 2019

Putting Knowledge to Work!

The West Virginia University Extension Service works to provide solutions in your community through key programs and resources, including agriculture and natural resources; 4-H and youth development; food and nutrition; health and wellness; financial planning; and home gardening. These research-based programs and services are available to all Tucker County residents thanks to the tremendous support of our community members, local organizations, volunteers and local partners, including the Board of Education and County Commission.

Highlights

- The Tucker County 4-H traditional weeklong residential camp is filled with classes ranging from shooting sports to cooking. 87 campers developed leadership skills within their tribes, attended a swimming trip and participated in educational History Alive assemblies.
- The Tucker County Livestock Camp was held in October. 30 youth participants from three counties were able to tour a working sheep farm, break down a deer carcass, learn about canning meat, learn about the importance of bio security, learn how to properly give injections, ear notching and tagging—and even had a traditional Council Circle.
- The Winter Retreat was held in March, with the main theme being service. 40 campers participated in community service activities ranging from cleaning up camp to assisting the Family Resource Network set out pinwheels for child abuse prevention month.
- New to the Tucker County 4-H camping program this year was a four-day camp for 25 Cloverbud members. The Tucker County 4-H Leader’s Association received a grant from Clorox that helped sponsor the activities, crafts and STEM classes.
- Working with the teachers in the county, Tucker County Extension was able to serve the three schools in the county offering programming in classes ranging from STEM to agricultural literacy.

4-H/Youth Development

Camping

- 87 campers attended the weeklong Tucker County 4-H Camp. While at the residential camp, campers participated in educational activities and fine-tuned their leadership skills.
- The Tucker County Cloverbud Day Camp hosted 25 campers for four days, where campers rotated through STEM stations, participated in recreation, and learned the basics of 4-H and the camping program.
• 30 campers from Tucker, Barbour and Taylor counties attended the Tucker County Livestock Camp. Campers processed a deer, demonstrated injections, discovered the importance of biosecurity, toured a functional sheep farm and more.

• The Winter Retreat was attended by 40 campers that worked together to complete several community service projects for the county.

4-H and Ag Literacy School-based Programs
• 82 students learned about the West Virginia tree industry and created a festive Christmas swag.
• 86 students completed quantitative and qualitative observations during Pumpkin Mania.
• 55 students learned about red wigglers and the importance of compost to a garden.
• During the Educational Day at the Fair, 62 county third grade students learned about the Tucker County Fair, Tucker County FFA, Tucker County 4-H and rotated through several educational stations.
• 60 students constructed Doodle Bots and conducted troubleshooting to solve problems encountered when building their bots.
• Leap into Science - Wind program was attended by 75 students. They differentiated between a gale and a breeze, and created their own wind detectors.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs
• 23 members attended Officer Training School. Every Tucker County 4-H club was represented.
• During We-Do Robots, 15 youths constructed and programmed a robot to kick a paper bowl.

Special Interest Programs
• 14 teen leaders completed county-wide community service activities including planning and organizing a county Easter egg hunt, touring Washington, D.C., assisting with the Leader’s fundraiser, working the concession stand and completing other community service projects.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Agriculture
• 9 adults participated in pesticide recertification.
• Container gardening was attended by 10 members of the Community Educational Outreach Service.
• A regional garden series was held in Barbour, Randolph, Tucker and Upshur counties that reached a total of 16 participants.

Youth Ag
• The Dairy Judging Team consisted of six youths that earned 2nd place as a team—and 1st, 4th, 7th and 8th places individually.
• The West Virginia State Livestock Judging Contest was attended by seven youths. As a team, the group placed 4th and 8th. As individuals, they placed 8th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 21st, 23rd and 27th.
Seven youths participated in the West Virginia State Poultry Judging Contest, placing 4th and 5th as a team. Individually, the participants placed 5th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd.

Five youths participated in the Petersburg Sheep and Goat Judging. The team earned 3rd place in the junior division and 3rd, 10th, 21st, 25th and 30th individually.

62 youths took part in the Regional Youth Livestock Clinic. They learned how to correctly use a microscope, prepared a sample and completed a fecal count.

Nine youths participated in the West Virginia Stockman’s Contest, earning 11th and 15th place as a team—and 28th, 42nd, 45th, 51st, 65th, 70th, 85th and 95th individually.

Local Foods

- Tucker County Extension assisted with the Taste of Tucker Farmers Market. The market set up Wednesdays and Saturdays in Parsons and was comprised of eight active vendors.

Families and Health

- Nine seniors attended a chair yoga class conducted by the Tucker County Extension office, where they learned basic yoga that could be done at home daily.
- 67 adults attended the Community Educational Outreach Service breast cancer awareness seminar. The importance of self-examination was stressed to male and female participants.
- Tucker County has three CEOS clubs with a total of 42 members.

Safety and Health

- 105 youths learned how to properly wash their hands to prevent the spread of germs as part of our school enrichment program.
- 543 youths participated in Progressive Ag Safety Day at the Brushy Fork Community Center, where the Tucker County Extension office taught the safety behind fishing.