Gilmer County Annual Report 2018

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 Gilmer 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

- Reached more than 50% of youths in the county through 4-H programming, agriculture in the classroom, Ag Field Day and other events like 4-H Trunk-or-Treat and 4-H Carnival.
- More than 500 adults were reached through Agricultural and Natural Resource Educational Programs and events such as Annie’s Project, Gilmer County Farm Show, Gardening Programs and Field Days.

4-H/Youth Development

4-H Camp

- 82 youths between ages 9 to 21 attend our summer camping program
- 18 Cloverbuds (ages of 5-8) attended the Cloverbud Day Camp

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

- 8 clubs are represented throughout Gilmer County with a total of 82 members
- 39% of non-livestock projects were completed

Special Interest Programs

- Two special interest clubs
  - Shooting Sports and Teen Leaders
  - 17 members total

Energy Express

- 34 youths enrolled, 15 additional children served
- 69 volunteers assisted throughout the program, providing 408 hours of service

Events
• 23 4-H youths entered projects in the 4-H Round Up where the projects were judged to earn funds toward 4-H Camp registration
• 4-H Trunk-or-Treat (548 youths participated)
• 115 youths participated in 4-H Carnival Night and learned about 4-H Clubs and activities offered throughout the year
• 15 kids participated in a 4-H Hooked on Fishing Day

**Highlights:**

**Youth Livestock Participants (includes both 4-H and FFA)**
- 52 livestock projects completed by 31 youths
- $37,130 gross sales at the Gilmer County Youth Livestock Sale
- $3,410 of resale livestock was donated back to community groups

**Agriculture and Natural Resources**

- 8 women participated in Annie’s Project, a six-week farm risk management course
- All youths in Pre-K, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th grades were introduced to agriculture related curriculum that compliments their current classroom learning. Topics such as earthworm habitats, bees, food glue, corn plastic, chick embryology and leaf relay were covered.
- 77 high school students, in partnership with Gilmer County High School Vo-Ag classes, learned about food safety and home poultry processing through hands-on training.
- 18 adults attended the Winter Grazing and Stockpiling Field Day which covered fall weed management strategies taught by WVU Extension Agent Daisy Bailey.
- The Youth Ag Field Day, held during the Gilmer County Farm Show, reached all kindergarten through 6th grade classrooms at Gilmer County Elementary.
  - All youths received $4.00 in vouchers to purchase fresh produce from the pop-up market during the field day.
- The Lunch and Learn Garden Series Workshop include 10 gardening workshops taught February through May. A total of six local gardeners attended the workshops.

**Family and Community Development**

**Families and Health**
- Healthy Kids Project
  - Pop-up Farmers Markets for youths ages 2 through 5 years
  - Natural play space built at the Gilmer County Recreation Center
  - Provided 8 weeks of $10/week per child of fresh local produce at daycare centers in Gilmer County
- Community Education Outreach Service
  - 80 members county wide in five different clubs
○ Club volunteer hours totaled 2,500