Marshall 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 Marshall 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

• A $12,000 grant from Chevron, secured by Health Educator Molly Poffenbarger, provided pop-up farmers markets to more than 3,000 youths in Marshall County schools, day cares and Head Starts.
• 4-H Agent Lisa Ingram and 4-H faculty members in the Northern Panhandle received the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Excellence in Volunteerism Award for their regional camp training program.
• Cheryl Kaczor, Family and Community Development agent, received the National Family and Consumer Sciences Distinguished Service Award for dynamic leadership and creative implementation of Extension programs and for personal and professional growth at the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences annual conference.

4-H/Youth Development

Camping

• Held two weeklong residential 4-H camps at Oglebay Park, as well as a day camp held at The Barn, which served a total of 214 youths. The Marshall County Leaders’ Association subsidized the camp costs, making the rate for each child only $50. Additional support was provided through the Gladys Knapp Foundation Fund and various individual community donors. The total external support for the two weeks of Marshall County 4-H camps was $12,750.

4-H School-Based Programs

• Directly served 2,958 youths and adults through 58 individual teaching sessions on 16 different topics, including cyberbullying, vaping, STEM and agricultural literacy.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

• Marshall County maintained 20 traditional 4-H clubs, 6 specialty clubs and 14 Cloverbud clubs. A new club was started in fall 2019 in the Benwood-McMechen area, which was
previously unserved. County 4-H membership remains strong with 393 members, 45 Cloverbud members and more than 100 vetted volunteers fulfilling club roles, as well as camp counseling roles.

Special Interest Programs

- 4-H and FFA market auctions at the Marshall County Fair totaled $303,826.25 with an additional $24,208 in community donations for scholarships and programming.

Shooting Sports

- Three Marshall County youths, Braden Carroll, Brandon Scamehorn and Justus Kirkland, qualified for the national 4-H shooting sports competition held in June in Nebraska.

Livestock

- Marshall County 4-H member, Delaney Lucey, showed the Reserve Champion Market Hog at the State Fair of West Virginia in August.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Garden and High Tunnel

- Approximately 20 different types of fruits and vegetables were grown in WVU Extension Service high tunnels. The produce was utilized for pop-up markets in Marshall County, for the Simpson United Methodist Church Community Kitchen and for WVU Extension Service cooking classes.

Educational Outreach

- 550 participants took part in educational programming covering topics including bird identification, flower gardening and monarch butterflies.

Families and Health

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Six child care workers graduated the Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist classes in May. The goal of the four-semester course is to improve the quality of child care and promote best practices for child care centers. 18 new students registered and began the next series of classes in August.
- 22 adults participated in Dining with Diabetes classes. Participants lowered their A1C levels, reported eating healthier foods and exercising more often.
- 228 adults were trained in Stewards of Children Darkness to Light, a child sexual abuse prevention program, which according to research will protect 2,280 children.
- 68 women involved in recovery programs participated in a weekly Better You program that provided relationship, financial and parenting education. Many participants were mandated by the Marshall County courts to take the class as a prerequisite to having their children returned to them.

Community Educational Outreach Service

- Marshall County CEOS members logged 25,500 volunteer hours this year.
- $4,200 was raised for the American Cancer Society through the Pink Event and Relay for Life.
• Purchased and donated more than 450 new children’s books for kindergarten students and provided back-to-school gift bags for 480 Marshall County teachers.
• Provided two $600 college scholarships for Marshall County high school seniors by raising money through auctions, a quilt raffle and lunches held at the county CEOS meetings.

Health Educator
• Food of the Month programming was incorporated into Marshall County schools and introduced healthy foods to nearly 1,500 students during their lunches and health classes.
• Show Me Nutrition for pre-k through fourth grade students impacted 364 Marshall County youths.