Morgan 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 Morgan 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

- Middle and high school 4-H members experienced democracy in action while serving as pages in the House of Delegates in Charleston during the teacher’s rally.
- Cumulative File complete
- Funding for a fourth day for STEM Ambassador
- STEM Day held in partnership with Blue Ridge Community Technical College
- Successfully hosted 1,000 4-H Agents from around the nation at the Greenbrier

4-H/Youth Development

Activities:

Camping

- 46 participants in Tri-County camp including 10 nontraditional participants.
- Agent served as director of Tri-County Intermediate camp serving 150 campers and a staff of 40.
- Six members attended a week-long 4-H state camp. Two members attended statewide 4-H weekends.

4-H School-Based Programs

- STEM Ambassador, Carmen Winiarski and volunteer Gray Jones, provide supplemental STEM activities to over 900 students.
- Health Educator, Amie Middlekauff, offered lessons at all elementary schools.
- Agent taught National 4-H science experiment in classrooms; leadership style, conflict resolution and public speaking taught at Leadership Academy and budgeting to 5th graders.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs
• There are currently four community-based 4-H clubs in the county. Each member participates in the county expo and in community service projects.

• Members participated in trips to Charleston, bowling, ice skating and tubing the Cacapon River.

Special Interest Programs

• The Relentless Robotics program fielded a Jr. FLL team, two FLL teams, and two FTC teams. One of the FLL teams was chosen to represent the region at the state competition.

• Over $7,000 was donated for the robotics program.

Camp MoCo (Summer Enrichment)

• Provided summer reading and STEM enrichment, along with breakfast and lunch for 224 children. (30% increase.) Children also received books for their personal libraries.

• Summer employment for 10 AmeriCorps members and six teachers.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Master Gardener Program

• Master Gardeners documented 3,212 hours of service to the community.

• WVU Extension Master Gardeners donated $2,387 to local organizations and generated $6,442 for projects, scholarships and educational programs for the community.

Local Foods

• Morgan County Association for Food & Farms provided $1,500 in matching SNAP coupons at the farmers market benefitting both SNAP recipients and local farmers.

• Health Educator offered a pop-up market at the back to school backpack give away. 350 students received $4 to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables. Four local farmers were present so students could buy produce.

Educational Programs

• Answer constituent’s questions on many agriculture and horticulture related topics

• Provide 115 free soil testing kits to county constituents.

Pesticide Recertification

• Eight farmers received yearly recertification.

Families and Health

• CEOS volunteers donated over 8,500 hours of community service.

• CEOS members donated $7,425 to community organizations. $7,000 donation became $35,000 for the Streetscapes committee because the donation was used as the 20% match for a grant.

• Began planning for area meeting to be held in Berkeley Springs in April.
Agent serves on the board of the Morgan County Partnership and the Partners in Prevention committee. Both organizations are committed to working on the drug misuse epidemic in Morgan County.

**Community Development/Tourism/Economic Development**

*Morgan County Day of Caring*

- 135 individuals contributed to 14 projects around the county, including students from Berkeley Springs High School.