

Morgan County Annual Report 2020

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

- The Morgan County WVU Extension Service office continued to provide services throughout the pandemic through virtual programming, which included camp, coding classes, Cloverbud classes and Dining with Diabetes.
- The Morgan County WVU Extension Service Family Nutrition Program health educator and STEM ambassador supported Morgan County teachers both in classrooms and virtually with lessons and take-home kits for 600 students.

4-H/Youth Development

Camping

- 238 campers participated in Tri-County Fun Week, a virtual camp held in June in place of the traditional 4-H camp. 15 campers were from Morgan County.
- Cloverbud Camp in a Box reached 55 tri-county youths (five from Morgan County).

4-H School-based Programs

- 12 STEM take-home kits were distributed to youths, reaching 750 kindergarten to 5th grade students.
- 150 8th grade students participated in Build a Budget and Get a Life financial literacy programs.
- Morgan County WVU Extension Service STEM ambassador and FNP health educator presented in-school lessons to 50 students (when allowed) and adapted Teen Cuisine and Grow, Eat, Go for virtual classes, where 50 students participated.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

- 50 club members have been engaged through Zoom meetings, newsletters and fun kits.

Special Interest Programs

- 51 high school students participated in the county Leadership Academy.
- The 4-H robotics club switched from competition to production mode in March and created more than 1,200 face shields for first responders and 200 ear savers. The group received a \$3,000 grant from a local nonprofit to purchase more 3D printers and supplies to support their effort.
- 200 students participated in Camp MoCo (county-wide elementary summer reading program) using a Camp in a Bag model. 10 AmeriCorps Vistas created activities and bags of supplies to match books and videos for participants in partnership with the BOE food distribution sites. The Morgan County WVU Extension Service office provided participants with a weekly activity and video for seven weeks.
- Virtual Cloverbud Money Matters and Environment classes were offered statewide in partnership with other Extension agents across the state. A total of 153 youths participated in all virtual Cloverbud programs.

- Virtual SPIN clubs were offered statewide in partnership with other Extension agents in the Eastern Panhandle. The beginner CS First club reached 15 youths.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Farmers Market

- Morgan County Association for Food and Farms received two grants for almost \$7,000 to purchase supplies and pay extra staff to open the market and keep the market open.
- Farmers market vendors received an additional \$20,000 in income (a 300% increase from last year) from the double/triple SNAP program vouchers sponsored by West Virginia Food & Farm Coalition, West Virginia Department of Agriculture and a grant from a local foundation.

Families and Health

- 11 adults participated in a virtual tri-county Dining with Diabetes program in collaboration with Berkeley and Jefferson County FCD Agent Angela Lawrence. One participant was from Morgan County.
- The Delectible Mountain Quilt Guild CEOS auction raised \$10,000 for the Morgan County Humane Society.