Mingo 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 Mingo 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

- Provided training, education and outreach on ATV safety to thousands of students and adults throughout the state and secured a grant from the National 4-H Council to develop an ATV action team in Mingo County to provide additional outreach.
- Completed iRESPECT cyberbullying education and programming to nearly 600 county youths and more than 110 adults.
- Secured $65,000 in funding for the Energy Express summer reading/nutrition program which served nearly 170 youths in the county.
- Implemented tourism and outreach initiatives which resulted in a total economic impact of $1.7 million for Mingo and Logan counties.

4-H and Youth Development

Activities:

- **Camping**
  - 23 adult volunteer leaders and 14 Teen Leaders provided service to Mingo County 4-H
  - 267 members in Mingo County 4-H clubs (10 active 4-H community clubs)
  - 8 Teen Leaders attend Multi-County Camp
  - 71 youths and 18 adults attended Mingo County Younger Camp
  - Adult leader meetings and teen leader meetings held once a month
  - Special camp planning meetings held in May and June

- **Energy Express**
  - Secured $65,000 in grants and donations to support the program.
  - Coordinated four sites for the summer reading/nutrition program at Dingess Elementary, Matewan PreK-8th grade, Larry Jo Harless Center and Williamson Pre-K-8th grade
  - 167 students attended at least 50% of the time.
• Participants improved or maintained their scores in letter-word identification, reading fluency, passage comprehension and broad reading via the Woodstock Johnson Tests Achievement.
• 8,784 breakfasts/lunches served.
• 1,253 books were distributed to participants to take home/keep.
• Provided more than 40 summer jobs in the area, including site coordinators, mentors, cooks, custodians and bus drivers (8).
• Worked with Coalfield Community Action Partnership on the program.

**Other Programs/Activities**

• Participated in the Marshall University’s 4-H Day at the football game (55 youths and 5 adult leaders attended).
• Held and participated in the adult/teen leader retreat and training in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.
• Coordinated and chaperoned a reward trip for adult and teen leaders in Cincinnati, Ohio (attended a Reds game and visited Kings Island and Zoo)
• Attended WVU Basketball 4-H Day with 53 adults, teens and 4-H members
• Attended the UPike basketball game with 36 adults and teen leaders

**Family and Community Development**

**Safety**

**ATV Safety Outreach and Education**

• Secured an ATV safety grant through the National 4-H Council to develop a safety action team in Mingo County. The group:
  o Provided outreach and education at local schools, fairs and festivals, locally as well as throughout the state.
  o Enhanced safety awareness to West Virginia citizens.
  o Promoted awareness using flyers, promotional items and media outreach.
• Provided education and outreach to 18 schools throughout the state, reaching more than 2,016 youths and 316 adults with two or more hours of youth programming.
• Taught the ASI online course to 2,064 youths and adults.
• Assisted in teaching and certifying six youths in West Virginia using the ASI ATV Safety Rider course curriculum, with 100% of participants successfully completing the course.
• 423 youths participated in county-wide ATV safety poster contests.
• 821 youths completed the Tread-Sylvania online game.
• 324 youths received certification through the Governor’s Highway Safety Council DMV Safety Course.
• Worked with community to conduct research on ATV safety, specifically the level of risk of adolescents exposed to ATVs, review of current ATV safety training programs, and ATV prevention and safety.
Completed ATV surveys of 6th-8th grade students in Mingo County (100% completion).

Completed ATV pre- and post-tests of ATV safety with same students and 98% reported gaining ATV safety knowledge.

**Families and Health**
- Presented the iRESPECT cyber bullying prevention program to students in Mingo County.
  - 323 youths and 16 adults participated at Mingo County High School
  - 264 youths and 9 adults participated at Lenore PreK-8th grade
  - 87 adults participated at a training held at the Mingo County Board of Education

**Tourism and Community Development**
- Incorporated tourism initiatives which brought nearly 2,600 people to the region, resulting in $572,000 in direct spending from Hatfield McCoy heritage tourism, including visitors to the Hatfield McCoy Country Museum.
- Total economic impact = $1.7 million to Mingo and Logan counties.