

# Tyler 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 Tyler 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

- Implemented distance and virtual learning opportunities for youths involving STEM activities, crafts and SPIN (Special Interest) events.
- Energy Express returned with alternative outreach methods throughout the county.
- Participated in research projects with the Agriculture and Natural Resources unit and the Family and Community Development unit.
- Provided the community with information on the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 4-H/Youth Development

#### Camping

• 38 youths in Tyler and Ritchie counties participated in virtual camping experience "Camp Connect," which included physical activity, virtual programs and online lessons.

#### 4-H and Youth Distance Learning

- Distributed 600 microgreen growing kits.
- Distributed 150 porch projects on growing vegetables.
- Two Energy Express sites reached 78 youths with lessons in reading, STEM activities, meals and educational television programming.

#### Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

- 88 youths were enrolled in county clubs and activities.
- 19 members participated in the youth livestock sale.
- 14 4-H youths participated in a virtual livestock show.

#### Special Interest Programs

• Created regional SPIN events for youths in Ritchie and Doddridge counties.

#### Other Programming

• Attended WVU Day at the Legislature and supervised four 4-H members as they met with local delegate, David Kelly, and the Speaker of the House, Roger Hanshaw.

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- Distributed 1,300 bookmarks for 4-H recruitment through the Back-to-School Fair backpacks.
- Supplied 1,500 mask lanyards to Tyler County School students and staff, which served as a form of 4-H recruitment.
- Distributed a combination of STEM kits and recruitment materials to 435 youths at Trunk or Treat event.

### Agriculture and Natural Resources

• Assisted with a research project regarding invasive grass species in pastures.

### Families and Health

- Completed data collection for the CARDIAC project at schools in Wetzel County.
- Packaged and mailed out seeds for Grow This! to 147 participants in three counties.