Mineral 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 Mineral 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

We continue to serve Mineral County residents with traditional programming, as well as meet the up and coming needs of our clientele. We take pride in our programming as we know it positively affects the people we love and care about here in Mineral County.

- 325 Mineral County youths were reached with hands-on STEM programming.
- 12 women completed the Annie’s Project agriculture operations training.
- 28 people and their families participated in the Dining with Diabetes hands-on learning program.

4-H and Youth Development

Camping

- 164 youths experienced a variety of leadership, learning and team building activities during Mineral County younger and older 4-H camps.
- 15 4-H members were trained and served as junior camp counselors, leading and teaching activities, such as STEM classes, team building, recreation and health ambassadors.

4-H School-Based Programs

- 65 students at Burlington Primary School and New Creek Elementary participated in building robotics from LEGOAs as part of the WeDo 2.0 robotics curriculum.
- 40 students at Keyser Middle School and Elk Garden School participated in a six-week CS First coding class.
- The STEM summer VISTA associate in Mineral County reached 325 youths with hands-on STEM activities.
- Energy Express served 172 children at three sites in Mineral County.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

- 4-H volunteers led the county’s 10 traditional 4-H clubs and engaged 280 members with a variety of club activities and projects.
Special Interest Programs

- Collaborative partners with the Mineral County STEM Network coordinated the 7th annual STEM festival with more than 1,000 adults and youths in family groups on the WVU Potomac State College Keyser campus.
- 27 youths experienced focused robotics programming with two community-based groups.
- The 4-H archery and wildlife club supported 23 youths in learning archery skills, safety skills and outdoor skills while increasing knowledge about wild life.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Master Gardeners

- More than 700 hours of community service was donated by Mineral County Master Gardeners in 2018. 12 new Master Gardeners were trained and certified.

Agriculture School-Based Programs

- Mineral County WVU Extension Service faculty and staff helped increase the number of farmers connected with the Board of Education to provide local produce in cafeterias—not only providing fresh produce to youth, but providing positive economic impact by keeping more dollars in county.
- Mineral County WVU Extension Service faculty and staff provided Agriculture in the Classroom and STEM programming throughout Mineral County schools and regional fairs and festivals.

Annie’s Project

- 12 women trained in farm record keeping, production management, risk management and other vital skills. These women showed an increase in the knowledge and skills vital to making farming operations successful.

Beef Quiz Bowl Team

- The senior Beef Quiz Bowl team competed at the West Virginia Cattlemen’s College.

Community Agriculture

- Mineral County WVU Extension Service faculty increased knowledge among farmers on Good Agricultural Practices.

Family and Community Development

- A community collaboration with WVU Potomac Valley Hospital helped to bring the Dining with Diabetes cooking school program to 28 people with diabetes and their family members.
- Child care providers partnered with the Mineral County WVU Extension Service to offer a regional child care education conference at WVU Potomac State College with 85 center and family-based providers.
- 12 West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service members provided leadership for the county program with 165 members and coordination for the annual CEOS Keyser Area Leadership Day program.