Harrison 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 Harrison 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
- 335 Harrison County youths attended the weeklong, residential county 4-H camp held at WVU Jackson’s Mill.
- Harrison County Master Gardeners completed 600 hours of horticulture related volunteer service and 370 hours of continuing education courses.
- 60,000+ hours of volunteer service provided by Harrison County Community Education Outreach Service to numerous projects throughout Harrison County.

4-H/Youth Development Activities:
Camping
- 335 youths attended Harrison County 4-H camp at WVU Jackson’s Mill. This weeklong, residential 4-H camp is among the largest county camps in the state.
- Cloverbud youths (ages 5 to 8) attend day camp at the Veteran’s Memorial Park and Splash Zone for a week-long introduction to 4-H camp.

4-H School-Based Programs
- Harrison County youths received in-school and after-school programming from WVU Extension Service staff. These hands-on lessons provide students with a knowledge in STEM, healthy living, and citizenship. Lessons are provided through partnerships with schools and teachers at their request.
- Approximately 150 youths attended Energy Express, a six-week reading program strengthened youth’s comprehension skills while providing two nutritious meals each day for participants.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs
Harrison County 4-H has more than 60 fully vetted/trained adult volunteers working with members, including 12 community 4-H clubs that meet monthly to focus on head, heart, hands and health. All clubs provide various service projects to their communities throughout the year.

**Special Interest Programs**

- Special interest 4-H clubs provide members in-depth experiences in a specific area of focus, including STEM, shooting sports, culture and cuisine and travel.

**Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**Master Gardeners**

- 25 active Master Gardeners completed approximately 600 horticulture related volunteer service hours and 370 hours of continuing education.
- Six individuals took the 2019 Harrison County Master Gardener training course.
- Members helped with various projects throughout the county such as several community gardens in the county and their annual Spring Clinic and Garden Fair.

**Youth Agriculture**

- WVU Harrison County Extension Service faculty and staff assisted with the annual Harrison County livestock show in August for youth participants. This allows individuals taking a livestock 4-H project to complete them and gain new skills and knowledge of showing. There were five participants who exhibited various species including feeder steers, breeding heifers and breeding poultry.

**Community Involvement**

- WVU Harrison County Extension Service received numerous calls for assistance with a variety of agriculture and natural resources-based topics throughout the county. Some site visits were also made to assist with the request.
- Pesticide recertification training was held in December to allow private pesticide applicators to earn credits to maintain certification.
- Educational dinner meetings were held regionally during January, February and March to provide various agriculture-related educational topics for producers in the area.

**Families and Community Development**

**CEOS**

- Harrison County CEOS members volunteered more than 60,000 hours of time to the community.

**Family Nutrition Program (FNP)**

- FNP staff reached approximately 800 adults through various programs including: nutrition education aimed at toddlers, Eat Smart Be Active, Rethink Your Drink, Food of the Month and healthy living.
- Approximately 2,000 youths in the county participated various FNP programs including: direct education, Rethink Your Drink, Grow This and markets with Mountaineer Food Bank.