

Harrison 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 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

- 141 Harrison County 4-H youths and 12 Harrison County 4-H Cloverbuds attended a weeklong, virtual county 4-H camp.
- 254 calves were marketed through the Central/Taylor Calf Pool, realizing a \$62.97 per head return over stockyard prices for a total of \$15,994.38.
- Harrison County Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) members volunteered more than 39,000 service hours.
- The Family Nutrition Program staff reached more than 2,200 youths in Harrison County through various programming.

4-H/Youth Development

Camping

- 141 youths attended Harrison County 4-H Camp using a virtual/at-home format. Participants were provided with supplies needed to complete various activities throughout the week. Activities were done both at home on their own and during virtual meetings.
- 12 Cloverbud youths (ages 5 to 8) attended Harrison County 4-H Cloverbud Camp in a Box virtual/at-home format for four days. Participants were given supplies needed to participate in various activities and met daily on a virtual platform.

4-H School-based Programs

- Harrison County youths received after-school programming from WVU Extension Service faculty and staff. These hands-on lessons provided students with a knowledge in healthy living, citizenship and financial literacy. Lessons were provided through partnerships with schools and teachers at their request.
- Just over 100 youths attended Energy Express, a six-week reading program to strengthen youths' comprehension skills while providing supplies and meals for participants. This year, Energy Express was held virtually, and members worked to send home supplies for participants along with helping the county pack weekly meal bags.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

- Harrison County has approximately 60 fully vetted/trained adult volunteers working with around 280 members. There are 12 community 4-H clubs the hold meetings and some have

transitioned to virtual meetings to continue focusing on head, heart, hands, and health. All clubs provided various service projects to their communities throughout the year, including a food drive for a local food pantry and sending thank you cards to essential workers.

Special Interest Programs

- Special interest 4-H clubs provided members with in-depth experiences in a specific area of focus, including shooting sports. Various SPIN clubs were offered to members statewide this year through a virtual platform related to coding, leadership, livestock, photography and more.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Master Gardeners

- 20 Master Gardeners were recertified through the WVU Extension Service Master Gardeners program. These volunteers provided 400 service hours valued at \$10,880.

Community Involvement

- 254 calves were marketed through the Central/Taylor Calf Pool, realizing a \$62.97 per head return over stockyard prices for a total of \$15,994.38.
- Provided educational and diagnostic resources to approximately 110 growers and producers by identifying and providing suggestions for control of weeds, disease and insect pests.
- Educational dinner meetings were held regionally during January, February and March to provide various agriculture-related educational topics for producers in the area. Approximately, 55 Harrison County residents were in attendance.

Family and Community Development

Community Educational Outreach Service

- Harrison County CEOS members volunteered more than 39,000 service hours, worth an estimated total of \$838,500.
- Projects included tray favors for WVU Medicine Hospice; Valentine's Day favors for local nursing homes; donated personal hygiene items, comfort items, "Brown Bags" (snack packs), handcrafted knit scarves, caps, lap quilts and sleeping mats to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center; and donated arts and craft items for Energy Express.
- The Harrison County WVU Extension Service Family and Community Development unit sent out a bi-monthly educational newsletter, Homespun Newsletter, to more than 250 members providing dates of upcoming events and articles on health topics.

Early Childhood Learning Series

- The FCD agent assisted with a statewide Early Childhood Learning Series by providing STEM training to an audience of 36 early childhood educators. The training focused on the 5 Es of science pedagogy and included a hands-on activity through virtual training.

Cooking Safety

- The FCD agent assisted with a statewide virtual Cooking Safety program and taught approximately 25 individuals on the importance of microwave safety.

Community Involvement

- Provided information and resources to community members who called in with questions on topics such as food preservation, testing canning equipment and Dining with Diabetes curriculum.

Family Nutrition Program

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- The FNP staff reached more than 2,200 youths and families through various programs, including Grow This!, Rethink Your Drink, Show Me Nutrition, Teen Cuisine and fresh produce markets.