Kanawha 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 Kanawha 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

- Kanawha County hosted two Energy Express sites serving over 60 children, hiring 12 college students as AmeriCorps members and two certified school teachers.
- The county hosted the 17th annual Outdoor Classroom serving more than 600 children.
- In Kanawha County, 25 community members successfully completed the Master Gardener program.

4-H and Youth Development

- Older and Younger Residential Camp served almost 125 youths.
- STEM activities were brought to four after-school programs.
- STEM ambassadors worked throughout the summer to engage youths in STEM activities.
- Nine 4-H clubs served youths throughout the county.
- Plane Janes 4-H Coding Club continues to compete on the regional and national level.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Pop-up markets were provided throughout the summer to young children across the county.
- 25 community members completed the Master Gardener course and are working on their volunteer hours.

Family and Community Development

- 12 early childhood providers received their Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist graduation certificates.
• More than 40 child care providers took continuing education provided and supported by WVU Extension Service.
• 56 food service employees received their nationally recognized ServSafe certification.
• Early childhood training materials were written for a national supplier.
• Camp Virgil Tate was supported with fundraising efforts, including the annual Breakfast with Santa, a live auction and the first Hillbilly Pig Roast.