Kanawha 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 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

- Jocelyn Crawford joined as our new 4-H agent, and we moved our offices to the Equities House, joining our WVU colleagues in the downtown Charleston.
- 2,488 youths from 18 schools participated in 4-H school enrichment programming.
- Master Gardeners provided volunteer service to numerous county organizations, including Manna Meal Garden, Sojourner’s Shelter, among others.
- 50 individuals participated in the Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist program.
- Substantial updates to Camp Virgil Tate to improve facilities and access.

4-H/Youth Development

Camping

- 151 youths attended two weeks of residential camps and 69 youths attended one week of day camps.
- 43 vetted volunteers gave their time to 4-H programing, including 17 adults were newly vetted as 4-H volunteers.

4-H School-Based Programs

- 2,488 youths from 18 schools participated in 4-H school enrichment programming.
- 394 fourth-grade students from 10 elementary schools participated in hands-on science and nutrition programming at our annual Outdoor Classroom.
- 200+ youths participated in afterschool programming.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

- 70+ youths participated in 4-H clubs
• Plane Janes Girls Who Code 4-H Club were invited to “Engineer for a Week Achievement Summit” at Facebook Headquarters in California, and placed 8th in the national competition.

Energy Express
• 64 youth participants and 372 youth volunteers received 2,836 meals as part of the six-week summer reading and nutrition program.
• 320 books were distributed to participants.
• 12 AmeriCorps Members provided a summer of service.
• 2 certified school teachers were employed over the summer and provided supervision.

Partnerships
• Partnered with West Virginia State University to offer 4-H programming.
• Obtained year-long AmeriCorps VISTA member to serve as Volunteer Manager and Community Development Coordinator.

Agriculture and Natural Resources
• 26 individuals enrolled in the Master Gardener 10-week course, with 16 successfully completing the program.
• 40 Master Gardeners provided hundreds of hours of service through activities such as Manna Meal Garden, Sojourner’s Shelter, Camp Virgil Tate and Harry’s Garden at Coonskin Park.

Families and Health
• More than 50 child care providers enrolled in the four-semester Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist (ACDS) program.
• 20 students graduated from the ACDS program.
• 49 food service providers received education in the ServSafe© program; 38 received their five-year nationally recognized certification.
• 10 hours of diabetes management instruction was provided to more than 40 people diagnosed with diabetes, including their families.
• 30 Community Educational Outreach Service members provided hundreds of volunteer hours throughout the county.

Community Development/Tourism/Economic Development
• In honor of the 65th anniversary of Camp Virgil Tate, the County Commission awarded the camp $10,000 to make ADA compliant bathrooms.
• Camp Virgil Tate began a rigorous improvement plan using proceeds from selective logging, including new lodge roof, back-up generators for essential functions, replacement/repairing
of the air conditioning units and installation of a new dishwashing unit for commercial kitchen.

- Three social work graduate students conducted internship hours with the county office.