Hardy 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 Hardy 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

- Over 14,000 volunteer hours were completed by Hardy County community members through WVU Extension Service programs.
- More than 650 Hardy County youths were instructed with agricultural programming.

4-H/Youth Development

Camping and Club Programming

- A total of 182 campers participated in older, younger and/or Cloverbud camping programs.
- 115 adults volunteered for 4-H clubs and camping programs.
- More than 8,000 service hours were provided by counselors, club leaders and other volunteers.
- 25 youths attended state camping opportunities, such as Young Adults Conference, Older Members Conference, Dance Weekend, Teen Leader Weekend, Alpha I and Alpha II.
- Over $3,000 in scholarship donations was provided to send campers to state events.
- Made camp improvements through partnerships with Hardy County 4-H Camp Association, Hardy County Community Educational Outreach Service, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, West Virginia Division of Forestry, WVU Extension Service and many others.
- Provided dental health supplies and education to participants during registration.
- Served 2,119 nutritional meals to youth campers.

Energy Express

- Hosted one successful Energy Express site, serving eastern Hardy County.
- 40 youths from five different communities participated.
- 10 youth volunteers and 20 adult volunteers helped lead activities.
- Successfully hired one site supervisor for two years and 12 AmeriCorps members.
- AmeriCorps members served 1,800 hours throughout the six-week program.
- Distributed 200 take-home books to students.
- Served more than 2,000 nutritional meals to participants, AmeriCorps members, volunteers and community youths.
- Sent donated food items home on the weekends as part of a backpack nutrition program.

**STEM Education**
- Delivered direct STEM education to 700 youths in Hardy County through in-school courses and camp programming.
- The Deanna Wilson and J. Cavanagh STEM Fund supported a STEM Ambassador for Hardy County’s younger and older camps and the Tri-County Fair, reaching thousands of youths and community members.

**Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**Youth Livestock**
- Worked directly with 500 youths through fairs and judging contests, 4-H camp classes, Skill-a-thons and other programming.
- Helped develop and implement eXtension halter training for 4-H Horse Camp volunteers.
- Taught a weeklong class on livestock during Hardy County 4-H Camp.
- Over 80 kids from the region participated in Livestock Boot Camp.
- Held agricultural demonstrations for Moorefield High School agriculture classes, which included poultry judging, sheep raising, and ham and bacon trimming.
- Over the course of a week, taught over 130 kids from the region how to administer freeze branding and about performance testing of bulls as part of the Wardensville Bull Test.

**Agricultural Outreach**
- Helped plan, organize and lead WVU Extension Service’s Women in Agriculture Conference, which served more than 100 female farmers and agribusiness owners.
- Taught over 300 students from around West Virginia during a session at Ag Innovation Showcase at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.
- **Facilitated and hosted** four regional dinner meetings on commercial horticulture and three regional dinner meetings on beef cattle practices.

**Family and Community Development**
- In 2019, there were 44 Hardy County Community Educational Outreach Service members in two community clubs. Together, they completed 4,000 service hours.
- Facilitated and co-taught the Army Special Forces Food Animal Program at the Wardensville farm, which is a two-day module available to military personnel.
- Led a Venison 101 class with 10 participants, which covers proper food handling and safety.