Jefferson 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 Jefferson 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

- The WVU Jefferson County Extension Service office held an open house in 2018 to promote our programs, activities and better interact with the community.
- More than 480 youths enrolled in the Jefferson County 4-H program in 2018.
- WVU Extension Service agriculture programming reached more than 750 Jefferson County residents in 2018.
- Jefferson County CEOS members raised more than $13,000 to benefit women who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer at their annual fundraising event.

4-H and Youth Development

Activities

Camping

- Of the three 4-H camps that host members from Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties, WVU Extension Service agents from Jefferson County organized and directed both the younger and older camps in 2018, as well as Cloverbud Day.
- 163 Jefferson County 4-H members attended camp.
- 130 members ages 15-21 attended older camp.
- 175 members ages 9-11 attended younger camp.
- 24 members ages 5-8 attended Cloverbud Day
4-H School-Based Programs

- An American flag workshop was developed and implemented with 47 fifth graders at three schools to help with flag ceremonies in their schools.
- 137 youths were served with the Code Your World curriculum.
- 64 youths were served with Paper Circuits.
- 49 youths were served with career and college planning curriculum.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

- 483 4-H members enrolled for the 2018-2019 4-H year, and 23 clubs remain active.
- 475 project books were completed by members.
- 141 volunteers remain vetted and aided in clubs, camps and other 4-H events.
- 73 youths trained at officer training.
- 95 individuals attended the 4-H recruitment event.

Special Interest Programs

- The senior livestock judging team competed at the state competition and placed second in beef, second in swine, second in sheep, first in reasons and second overall as a team.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Highlights

- WVU Jefferson County Extension Service began a partnership with the Spirit of Jefferson to publicize programs and promote agriculture-based events and share timely educational topics.
- The WVU Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent in Jefferson County served as principal investigator on a grant to study nutrient management record keeping in the eight-county Eastern Panhandle region.
- Direct agriculture programs reached more than 750 youth and adults throughout 2018.

Farm Management Programs

- WVU Jefferson County Extension Service held a regional Annie’s Project class, a six-week, national women’s farm management program. Nine women graduated from the course.
- WVU Jefferson County Extension Service developed and taught a five-week beginning farmer course, with 10 completing the program. We are working on improving this curriculum for 2019.
Horticulture/Local Foods Programs

- WVU Jefferson County Extension Service held a regional IPM symposium for tree fruit growers, bringing in speakers from Washington State University, Cornell University and Michigan State University. 65 growers were in attendance.
- WVU Jefferson County Extension Service organized a meeting of 30 producers to explore forming a farmers’ cooperative to sell produce. Conversations regarding this topic have stretched into 2019.
- WVU Jefferson County Extension Service developed a kids’ farmers market program during the Jefferson County fair to introduce 40 special needs students participating in Education Day to local food and food choices.

Family and Community Development

- In 2017-2018, we held the popular Maintain Don’t Gain program, an educational program that promotes participants to maintain or lose weight through the holiday season. 144 people weighed in and 76 weighed out after the new year. Six newsletters were distributed.
- Five Community Educational Outreach Service clubs were maintained in the county, with 90 total members.
- $13,800 was raised at the annual Pink Luncheon and Purse Auction, a CEOS fundraising event to benefit the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment Fund.