Mason 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 Mason 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

- More than $130,000 has been raised to complete the new camp dining hall.
- 1,862 youths participated in school enrichment programs, which included hands-on, educational lessons related to STEM, healthy living, citizenship, animal sciences and agriculture.
- More than 834 youth agriculture projects were exhibited, including 387 livestock projects resulting in over $4,000 in premiums. The livestock sale generated over $446,000, the vast majority of which went directly to the youth exhibitors.
- CEOS members reported 10,000 community service hours, which can be translated to more than $211,000 in value to the community.

4-H and Youth Development

Camping

- To date, more than $130,000 has been raised to complete the new camp dining hall.
- In 2018, a total of 197 campers attended a 4-H or Cloverbud camp in Mason County.
- 20 fully vetted 4-H volunteers served as camp counselors and eight teen leaders served as junior counselors at younger camp.
- Nearly 50 Mason County 4-Her’s attended a state camp or event.

Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs

- More than 500 youths were active members in one of 22 community 4-H clubs or 12 Cloverbud clubs.
- 68 adult volunteers were fully vetted following the policy deemed necessary by the state 4-H office.

School-based Programming and Clubs
• 1,862 youths participated in school enrichment programs, which included hands-on, educational lessons related to STEM, healthy living, citizenship, animal sciences and agriculture.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

• Nearly 600 4-H members, 4-H Cloverbuds and FFA members took part in the Mason County Fair in 2018.
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• As Mason county producers competed in local food markets, more of the food dollar stays in the county or in West Virginia. In addition, buying local, fresh produce has benefits related to healthy eating and nutrition.
• Farmers market training reached 15 individuals, resulting in 2,063 vouchers being redeemed in Mason County at a 79% rate.
• Soil tests, involving more than 4,000 acres, were performed.
• 15 pesticide applicators received more than 75 credits toward pesticide recertification.

Family and Community Development

• There are 86 members in five different Community Educational Outreach Service clubs in Mason County.
• CEOS members reported 10,000 community service hours, which can be translated to more than $211,000 in value to the community.
• The Mason County CEOS members continue to promote breast cancer awareness by sponsoring a Walk for Women. In 2018, they raised nearly $2,000 for the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Fund, which directly benefits women in Mason County who are uninsured and underinsured.