Lewis 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 Lewis 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

- 250 active members, including Cloverbuds, participated in one of 10 community 4-H clubs.
- 271 calves were marked through the Central Calf Pool, realizing an increase of $54.17 per head, which totaled $14,680.
- In 2019, CEOS members reported 53,500 individual volunteer hours. At the current volunteer hourly rate, the financial equivalency is nearly $1.2 million. Lewis County CEOS clubs reported 17,000 club volunteer hours, valued at $378,930. In total, Lewis County CEOS members conducted 70,500 volunteer hours, which are equivalent to more than $1.5 million.

4-H/Youth Development

Energy Express

- The Energy Express program held at Robert L. Bland Middle School served 48 children. Pre- and post-program reading assessments showed significant increases in letter-word identification, reading fluency, passage comprehension and broad reading.
  - 1,786 meals were served to youths in the program.
  - 240 take-home books were sent home during the program.
  - 665 volunteer hours were contributed during the six-week summer program, valued at almost $15,000.

Camping

- 43 certified West Virginia 4-H volunteers provided approximately 3,000 volunteer service hours at camp, which is valued at over $66,800.
- 160 staff and campers provided 160 hours of community service, valued at more than $3,500, while creating approximately 50 fleece blankets for Project Linus.
- $6,700 was received in contributions for camp operations, STEM activities and events.
- 121 youths attended Lewis County 4-H Camp in 2019.
- 25 Cloverbuds attended the first Cloverbud Day at the 2019 Lewis County 4-H Camp.
• 44 Lewis County 4-H’ers participated in state and weeklong state camping programs.

**Jamboree at the Mill: County 4-H Showcase**

• 96 non-livestock 4-H projects and 134 livestock projects were exhibited at the Jamboree at the Mill.

**Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs**

• 250 active members (including Cloverbuds) participated in one of 10 community 4-H clubs.
• Two new community clubs and a special interest fishing club were developed.
• 138 4-H’ers were recognized with medals and certificates for exceptional project work.

**Special Interest Programs**

• The Lewis County Youth Livestock Club conducted the market animal program, including the show and sale at the Jamboree at the Mill, and hosted a show at WVU Jackson’s Mill in April that attracted 82 entries from West Virginia and nearby states.
• Teams from Lewis County competed at the West Virginia Beef Expo Stockman’s Contest and the State Beef Quiz Bowl. Lewis County had two teams place in the top four in the Beef Quiz Bowl.
• The Lewis County and Clay County 4-H programs jointly planned three camping and hiking trips in 2019. These trips were planned with an emphasis on STEM and environmental science programming and explored locations around the state with significant natural beauty and environmental history. Five youths and three adults from Lewis County participated.

**Agriculture and Natural Resources**

• 271 calves were marketed by the Central Calf Pool through the West Virginia Quality Assurance Program, realizing an increase of $54.17 per head, which totaled $14,680.
• WVU Extension Service worked with local growers and community volunteers to continue developing a farmers market, which averaged seven local vendors per week.
• Bruce Loyd, the agriculture and natural resources agent in Lewis County, led a team of three WVU Extension Service agents that produced a pesticide recertification video program that was used statewide and viewed by approximately 450 private applicators.
• 199 soil samples were sent by Lewis County residents to the WVU Soil Testing Lab.
• 41 farmers from Lewis and other counties adopted improved weed control practices using improved pasture management and herbicides.

**Family and Community Development**

• 105 people attended the breast cancer educational awareness event hosted by the Lewis County Educational Outreach Service (CEOS), Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital and the WVU Lewis County Extension Service.
• For its small population and rural geography, Lewis County boasts a significant number of CEOS members. In 2019, there were 199 members in six clubs countywide.
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