Pendleton 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 Pendleton 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

- Our first-ever Lego League team advanced to State Tournament.
- We expanded our Youth Livestock Judging teams.
- Our Pendleton County team took 3rd Place honors at the West Virginia Beef Quiz Bowl.

4-H/Youth Development

Activities:

**Camping**
- Reached more than 70 Pendleton County youths through camp programming.
- Provided Secondary education recruitment as part of a career fair at camp.
- Provided hands-on learning opportunities in all programmatic areas.
- Multiple youths attended state camping events throughout the year.

**Tri-County Fair**
- 129 total fair exhibits (regular project books, no animal projects)
- 24 completed animal projects in arena
- 36 Cloverbud projects completed
- 50 projects eligible for State Fair exhibits

**Traditional 4-H Programming and Clubs**
- Created a new club to better serve our county
- 122 youths enrolled
- Multiple youths participated in public speaking contests
Special Interest Programs

- Continued STEM programming with First Lego League Grant
  - 30+ minority and rural youths served as part of STEM programming
  - One team advanced to state tournament
- Our Outdoor club continues to grow and fundraisers were held to buy equipment for activities.
- Attended the West Virginia Beef Expo, WVPBSPA Sheep Judging, Poultry Judging, and Beef Quiz Bowl and participated in livestock judging.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Grazing Management Workshops

- Field demonstrations were conducted on winter feeding areas last year.
- Revegetated sites were evaluated for forage growth, ground cover, weeds versus planted crop, forage yield and animal unit grazing days produced when grazed.
- Individual case studies were written for each site to quantify the cost of revegetation and the value in terms of ground cover and forage production.

Water Quality

Through the educational efforts of the WVU Pendleton Extension Office the following results were achieved:

- 9 producers planted 470 acres of cover crops with a cost sharing of $30,013.
- 36 producers reduced the use of commercial purchased fertilizer with a savings in excess of $162,000 during the past five years.
- 130 West Virginia producers participating in educational programs have adopted practices that protect natural resources, including woodland, cropland, pastureland water and air.
- Increased knowledge of the CAFO regulations and TMDLs so the producers have the ability to make informed decisions.
- Consulted 5 producers on Nutrient Management Plans.
- 5 producers participated in the Litter Transfer program with a cost sharing of $32,000 during 2018.

Families and Health

- Our CEOS club provided outreach and volunteer service hours to the county.
- Hosted multiple Bingo fundraisers to assist the group’s outreach efforts, as well as provide donations to local nonprofits and organizations.
- CEOS members are setting goals to increase involvement in county and state events.
- Worked with neighboring county NOIs to produce workshops for community and schools.

Community Development/Tourism/Economic Development
• Partnered with Chamber of Commerce and CVB to promote tourism in Pendleton County.
• Joined the OnTask Drug Coalition to help spread awareness about the opioid epidemic.