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Putting Knowledge to Work!

West Virginia University Extension works to provide “solutions in your community” through key program areas including agriculture, environment and natural resources, 4-H youth development, food and nutrition, health and wellness, financial planning and home gardening. These research-based programs and services are available to all residents of Mingo County thanks to the tremendous support of our community members, local organizations, volunteers and local partners – the Board of Education and County Commission.

Highlights

Camp Director and 4-HYD Mark Whitt presented at the National Cyberbullying Conference in Orlando, Florida in February, 2015.

President Gee recognized the Mingo County ATV Safety Program at WVU-ES Annual Conference at Jackson’s Mill on November 9 & 10.

American Safety Institute ATV Rider Course education was presented at both Mingo County High Schools in which 118 students received their Department of Motor Vehicle certification.

4-H and Youth Development

In 2015, we celebrated 100 years of 4-H camping!

Mark Whitt facilitated the following:

- 69 youth and 16 adults attended Mingo County 4-H Camp.
- Three youth attended State 4-H Camp.
- Seven Active School 4-H Clubs involving 248 youth and 34 adults.
- Two Active Community 4-H Clubs involving 78 youth and 139 adults.
- 21st Century Career Fair involving 221 youth and 43 adults.
- Four Energy Express sites (123 youth volunteers, 73 adults, 309 kids and 46 jobs).
- ATV Safety Education (957 youth and 61 adults).
- First ever 4-H Scholarships were awarded to three Mingo County 4-H Teen Leaders to attain post-secondary education (2 Mingo Central students and 1 Tug Valley student).

Community, Economic and Workforce Development

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• Bill Richardson wrote and received three grants totaling $110,000 to support tourism development in Mingo and Logan counties.

• Bill Richardson is developing a new museum and micro-theater in Williamson, West Virginia.

• Bill Richardson is bringing hundreds of tourists into Mingo and Logan counties on motor coaches that add tens of thousands of dollars to the local economy.

• Bill Richardson is doing research to track the economic impact of heritage tourism in Mingo and Logan counties.

Families and Health

• 75% of participants in the Love Your Heart Program increased knowledge about heart disease. 75% of participants in Love Your Heart Program know the signs of heart disease after attending the program that Dana Wright taught.

• 82% of participants in the Rethink Your Drink program held during the Youth Education Program pledged to drink more water instead of sugar sweetened beverages.

• 71% of participants in the Strong Families Eat Together workshop indicated a positive behavior change of turning off the TV during dinner within two weeks of attending our program.

• 86% of participants in the Five Love Languages agreed that they learned something that they didn’t know about expressing and receiving love with those that they care about. 86% of participants indicated an anticipated behavior change by using the skills learned in their personal relationships.