

# Impacting YOU

"Impacting You"  
is a monthly report  
used to communicate

University of Illinois Extension - Unit 26  
programming impacts to stakeholders.

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

Our programs and stories reflect our transition to online delivery methods. Webinars, virtual 4-H clubs, youth challenges and other alternate methods of engagement allow us to continue to serve the community during this time. An array of relevant digital content (webinars, fact sheets, websites, resources) have been developed and placed on the Extension homepage. This collection of resources can assist families and community leaders preparing for and coping with COVID-19.

It is my pleasure to present this brief impact report of the programs and events offered to the residents of Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Randolph and Williamson Counties during this past month.

- Lynn Heins, Unit 26 County Extension Director

**1,313**

**Total  
Contacts**

(Excluding SNAP-ED)

**9**

**Total Number  
of Programs &  
Events**

## Extension to host Southern Illinois Conservation Workshop

The third annual Southern Illinois Conservation Workshop has been converted to a week-long, virtual webinar series this year. This workshop brings together professionals with expertise on different aspects of landowner conservation to offer an opportunity for local land managers and landowners to learn, make connections, and ask questions. Although focused in Southern Illinois, much of the information has application to all areas of Illinois and nearby states.



SEPTEMBER 21-25  
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS  
Conservation  
Workshop**



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**Illinois Extension experts are here to help families, businesses, and communities solve problems and learn new skills with research-based webinars, virtual meetings, videos, and more. To learn more, check out the Extension homepage.**

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# Local volunteer inducted into 4-H Hall of Fame

A Williamson County 4-H volunteer has been selected to receive the Illinois 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame Award for his service to the Extension youth development program. Don Elliott has a long history with University of Illinois Extension serving Williamson County as a leader in the shooting sports program. Service is a hallmark of the Illinois 4-H program. The Illinois 4-H Foundation annually honors longtime volunteers and former staff members for their selfless dedication to 4-H, the University of Illinois Extension youth development program.



In 2020, 87 individuals received the Foundation Hall of Fame Award, presented during a virtual ceremony Aug. 18. The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion.

## 4-H offers virtual clubs to local youth this fall



The local 4-H team will launch virtual 4-H clubs this fall. Each project area is its own club and includes the following fun options:

- STEM
- creative arts
- animal science
- environmental science
- healthy living and nutrition

There will also be a cloverbud club for younger members ages five through seven. Activity boxes will be provided for each member that include supplies for the monthly project. Participants will work on their project throughout the month and meet virtual once per month. Those interested in learning joining a virtual club or signing up as a volunteer can contact their local Extension program coordinator.

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