

December 2018

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

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

Impacting YOU

"Impacting You"
is a monthly report
used to communicate

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programming impacts to stakeholders.

327

**Total Direct
Contacts**
(Excluding
SNAP-Ed)

9

**Total Number
of Programs &
Events**

SNAP-Ed

1,933

**Total Direct
Contacts**

125

**Total Number of
Programs & Events**

This federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed) is nutrition education provided for SNAP participants and other low-income individuals.



Perry County 4-H Federation Buys Gifts for Special Needs Children

The Perry County 4-H Federation and Home and Community Education members raised money to purchase gifts for the youth living at Five Star Industries. Members also wrapped the gifts and then deliver them personally to the special needs children.



Navigating the Differences Training

Unit 26 staff and educators recently attended Navigating the Differences training. Participants learned skills to become more aware of their own personal and organizational cultures and developed skills to increase competencies as we work with others who are different from us.

This training provided an opportunities for participants to grow, develop and learn more skills to effectively communicate with our local community as we continue to provide educational programming and opportunities to participants.



Austin Little joined the unit 26 office as the new horticulture extension educator. A native of Quincy, Illinois and two-time alum from Southern Illinois University, Little received his bachelor's degree in Plant and Soil Systems with a focus on landscape design and master's degrees in Plant, Soil and Agriculture Systems with a focus on Horticulture Science.

During his time at SIU, Little conducted research and performed a fertility study on green roof crop production.

During his first week on the job, Austin was interviewed by local news station WSIL-TV3 to discuss issues with monarch migrations and population.

As a unit educator, Little is available to assist the community and answer questions on a variety horticulture related topics including home gardening, residential and commercial horticulture, small-scale fruit and vegetable production and urban agriculture, soil fertility, integrated pest management as well as landscaping.

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