

Impacting YOU

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is a monthly report
used to communicate

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

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

As the University of Illinois continues to address the impacts of COVID-19, the safety and well-being of our staff and communities remain our top priorities. Following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, campus leadership has implemented social-distancing protocols that include most faculty and staff working remotely. As a result of this directive, all face-to-face events organized by Illinois Extension previously scheduled through September 14, 2020 have been cancelled, suspended, or transitioned to online delivery.

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. 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

758

Total Direct
Contacts
(Excluding SNAP-ED)

17

Total Number
of Programs &
Events

Local Youth Take Virtual Trip with 4-H Team

Our local youth and 4-H members didn't even have to pack a suitcase for two recent trips. In July, our 4-H team led a virtual vacation to tour various historical sites like Ellis Island, Arlington National Cemetery, the Alamo, Alcatraz, the Bermuda Triangle and so much more. The trip was so much fun, the team offered an additional intercultural virtual trip to explore the culture and landmarks of Australia, Ethiopia, France, Germany and Mexico.

4-H Virtual Field Trips

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ANR team share tips through video series

While many staff members are continuing their work from home, our educators are continuing their field research at our demonstration centers and high tunnels. Through our Dig In with Extension YouTube series, you can check out current research, trials, and other tips from our Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) team. All recordings can be viewed on the unit's YouTube channel at: youtube.com/c/UniversityofIllinoisExtensionFJPRW

Master Gardeners host tree ID video series

Local Master Gardeners are taking us on a virtual tour of the trees of Keyes Park in DuQuoin, Illinois, through the Eyes on Keyes' Trees video series. The park is home to several different species of trees that are common to our region, and they represent a good mix of the many trees that flourish in southern Illinois. The videos present various trees, their characteristics, soil preferences, growth habits, longevity, and potential problems and pests. A new video is shared each Thursday morning on social media, and all videos can be viewed on YouTube as well.



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