

# Impacting YOU

"Impacting You"  
is a monthly report  
used to communicate  
University of Illinois Extension  
programming impacts to stakeholders.

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, County Director

1,634

26

**Total Direct  
Contacts**

(Excluding SNAP-Ed)

**Total Number  
of Programs  
& Events**

**SNAP-Ed**

485

20

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Federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) is provided for SNAP participants and other low-income individuals.

## Community Garden Raises Spirits at Good Samaritan House

Through a partnership with University of Illinois Extension master gardeners and master naturalists, Good Samaritan House staff, and members of the Carbondale Garden Study Club, a community garden was established at the Good Samaritan House. The garden was planted in late May and it has flourished with a variety of tomatoes, melons and cucumbers. Fresh produce raised in their backyard has been incorporated into recipes in the soup kitchen and has supplemented their food order.



*"Since this garden started, I noticed people come out to sit at the picnic table and socialize more. Many have shared stories about how they had a parent or grandparent that gardened. When I'm out here working, someone will come up to me and say 'I watered the garden today' or 'I just picked the best cucumber.' They have taken pride and ownership in this."*

-Terry Foster, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist



# Student Career & Technology Field Day

Over 100 local high school and community college students had the opportunity to learn more about the field of agriculture during the Career and Technology Field Day held at the Ewing Demonstration Center. Each year, industry leaders attend the event to answer questions and talk to students about what they look for in potential employees. The event provided recruitment opportunities for the University of Illinois as well as Southern Illinois University. Guest speakers WSIL TV3 meteorologists Nick Hausen and John Ross stopped by to discuss career opportunities in meteorology and how they relate to the field of agriculture. Farm Bureau discussed the importance of fiscal responsibility, even at an early age. Students also got behind the wheel of a John Deere 8320 tractor from Wm. Nobbe & Co. as they tested the advanced features of the equipment including auto steer and GPS functions. Since this program began, in 2016 Extension has hosted over 600 students at this annual event.



4-H  
Kicks Off  
New Year



The 4-H new year began on September 1. 4-H, the nation's largest youth development organization, cultivates confident kids who tackle issues that matter most in their communities. 4-H encourages kids to take part in hands-on learning experiences in areas such as health, science, agriculture and civic engagement. The positive environment provided by 4-H mentors ensures that kids in every county are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles and are empowered with the skills to lead in life and future careers.

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