

# 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

438

**Total  
Contacts**

(Excluding SNAP-ED)

13

**Total Number  
of Programs &  
Events**

## Class of 2020 Illinois Master Naturalists

Congratulations to our class of 2020 Illinois Master Naturalists! The mission of the University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist program is to provide science-based educational opportunities that connect people with nature and help them become engaged environmental stewards. The program is designed to educate and train a corps of volunteers to provide support in the conservation, management and interpretation of the area's natural resources.



With the help of local experts, University of Illinois Extension provides the education support for the program while volunteering is typically coordinated through local partners. If you are interested in joining the next cohort, learn more at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/mn>

# Training Offered for School Foodservice Staff

SNAP–Ed Educator Toni Kay Wright is working with a small workgroup from the ABCs of School Nutrition Team to develop and facilitate statewide, virtual foodservice training in order to support school foodservice staff in obtaining their required USDA Professional Standards training.

Throughout September, the team hosted four training sessions on two topics – Serve It Safely–Food Handler’s Certificate training and Transitioning to Meals in the Classroom. A total of 67 foodservice staff participated in these first four sessions. With positive feedback to the first sessions, the team will be scheduling monthly trainings to continue to support school foodservice staff serving school meals many different ways this school year.



## Memorial Garden Installed at Perry County Extension Office

Perry County Master Gardeners showed 4-H members how to plant native grasses and plants in the newly established memorial garden at the Perry County Extension office. The garden was established in honor of the late Larry Paszkiewicz. He was an Extension Educator in Perry County many years ago, and one of his passions was the native grasses and plants. A video of the installation can be found on the unit YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/UniversityofIllinoisExtensionFJPRW>



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