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2019 IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Franklin County Offers Youth Leadership Program

Sixteen Franklin County high school students learned what it means to be a leader as part of the Ricochet leadership series.

Ricochet uses adventure and experience to bring about learning. During each 90 minute session youth participate in a series of hands on activities that challenge the students to work with one another to complete a task. After the activity they discuss the project, what went right, what went wrong and how those issues translate into real life. Franklin County's Youth Leadership program met once per month October – May.



Franklin County Holds Pet Dog Training Workshop



On March 30, Franklin County 4-H held a pet dog training workshop at the Franklin County 4-H building.

The goal of the event was for participants to learn some new tips and tricks while training their dogs! (Sorry, dogs not allowed at this event!)

The workshop taught participants how to change dog behaviors, prepare their dog for socializing with others, and shared information about new dog show rules.

Extension Council Members

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Franklin Holds a Horse and Pasture Management Workshop



On February 21 Franklin County partnered with Wright, Hancock, Cerro Gordo and Worth counties for a Horse Pasture Management workshop.

The workshop, held in Hancock County was well received and had participants from all over the area. Angie Rieck-Hinz and Sarah Zweifel talked with the audience about identifying pasture goals, creating reasonable expectations, how to maintain existing and or establishing a new pasture and grazing management strategies.

A follow up field day was held this fall and allowed participants more time to focus on plant identification.

Franklin County 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl

Franklin County's Senior 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl team has been dedicated for the last seven years practicing together and competing at the Aksarben Invitational Livestock Quiz held in Nebraska with aspirations of someday representing Iowa in the National Contest.

On Saturday, April 13, their dream came true. Although they only had to compete against one other team in the state for that title, it still was a feeling of pride to be named the Iowa 4-H Quiz Bowl Team!

They qualified to compete against teams from across the nation at the contest in the Fall in Kentucky.

Franklin County also had four teams competing in the Mixed Ages contest division. Most of these youth plan on representing Franklin County, Iowa by competing at the



Aksarben Invitational Livestock Quiz Bowl this fall in Grand Island, NE.

Franklin County Partners to Offer Soil Fertility Clinic



In September, Franklin and Hardin Counties partnered to offer a Soil Fertility Clinic. The event was led by Field Agronomist Angie Rieck-Hinz.

Participants learned how crops respond to different soil nutrient levels in Iowa soils, how soil tests are done and what they mean, and how to calculate how much phosphate and potash their crop removes from the soil. It was a very informative day and everyone left with a better understanding of how key soil management decisions can make them better fertilizer consumers.

Region 3 Hosts All Staff Retreat at Lime Creek Nature Center

On April 12 Region 3 held an all staff retreat at the Lime Creek Nature Center in Mason City.

The purpose of the event was to meet new staff, learn about the activities of specialists and research happening in the state and the region, and to participate in team activities to learn how to better work together and with other staff across county lines.

The day began with a team-building activity followed by get-

to-know your Field Specialist and a fun activity for networking.

After lunch staff participated in a scavenger hunt, viewed a virtual Vlog of campus resources put together by Darla Olson, Michelle Sackville and the Osage High School technology class. The day ended with fun team-building activity led by Gail



Castillo before wrapping up. Staff got to know each other, enjoyed fun activities and learned about resources available.

Franklin County AmeriCorps Start Garden Clubs for Kids



New this year in Franklin County are Garden Clubs. Two clubs this summer were run by 4-H AmeriCorps members, Emma Sackville and Jane Hoegh.

Hampton-Dumont held Garden Club on Monday and Wednesdays and ran in conjunction with the summer free breakfast and lunch program. West Fork students enjoyed garden club on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students were responsible for planning, planting, tending and harvesting the gardens at their schools. They are learning about different aspects of a garden and different types of gardens.

Some other fun activities included strawberry salsa making and a Petal and Prairie day with Franklin County Conservation.

Garden clubs will resume in March 2020.

Franklin County Celebrates New CICS Drop-In Center

The newly opened CICS Drop-In Center in Hampton had several Extension and Outreach programs on their calendar. On May 31, participants enjoyed a beautiful afternoon planting salsa gardens in containers and learning how to use the produce one it is harvested.

In June and again in the fall, they learned some basic principles of finance from Human Science Specialist Brenda Schmitt. Families Program Assistant Barb Ristau spent time with participants teaching how to preserve their garden produce. We are very excited about this new partnership!



Rising Star Interns Making An Impact in Franklin and Worth Counties

Rising Stars interns, Rachel Findling of Royal, Emily Leerhoff of Clarksville and Samarth Varachini of India worked this summer on projects in Franklin and Worth Counties.

The projects included developing alternatives for a recreational trail for Worth County and options to address childcare in Sheffield.

The Rising Star Internship provides an opportunity for ISU students to work on a project in their area of study and apply it to a real world problem in a community in Iowa.

Students presented the findings to the communities and their respective colleges on the ISU campus in Ames in August.



Franklin County Youth Learn about Flight and Pollination



Franklin County partnered with Hampton-Dumont Community School District to sponsor two multi-day day camps the first

camp presented by Kapil Arora, ISUEO Ag Engineer.

The students learned about the elements of flight, played team games, coded drones and

week of August. On Monday and through the day Wednesday grades 6, 7 & 8 attended a drone learning

simulated flights on lap tops, and flew drones on Wednesday. "Things That Fly" was the Thursday & Friday day camp for 5th & 6th graders.

They learned about rocketry from Gabe Jorgensen. Gabe supplied each student with 2 model rockets, one to launch during the camp and one to take home and assemble.

They also participated in a program that challenged them to learn about native bees, pollination, and the need to work together to be good stewards of the land.

Franklin County Sponsors Salsa Contest at County Fair

The Franklin County Fair was a great success and included fun activities and even a new fun activity! Twelve teams participated in the inaugural "Let's Salsa" contest at the Franklin County Fair this past July.

Each team received a bag with basic ingredients for either a tomato salsa or a fruit salsa. They then chose four additional ingredients from the Salsa Store. Spices were free and extra ingredients could be earned by

completing a simple challenge ... three words that rhyme with pepper hmmm?

Prizes were given for Best Fruit Salsa, Best Tomato Salsa and Best Overall Salsa. Throw in some lively salsa music and it was a party in the 4-H Exhibit building! We are already looking forward to next year's competition.

Thank you to our 4-H AmeriCorps service members Emma and Jane for organizing this fun event!



Franklin County 4-H Clubs Step Up to the Challenge

State 4-H Youth Council member Rebekah Craighton challenged her county's 4-H clubs to collect beverage pull tabs to be donated to be Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa in Des Moines, in memory of Jacy McAlexander, former State 4-H Youth Council member. Tabs were turned in and weighed at the Annual 4-H Awards Night, November 3. The goal was one pound per club. Franklin County 4-H Foundation awarded the top club that met and exceeded the goal a free scholarship to send a club member to a regional 4-H camp or trip.

A total of thirteen pounds of tabs were weighed in. West Fork Winners 4-H club won the challenge with over six pounds of tabs.

Ronald McDonald House Charities helps families with housing that's near a hospitalized

child, the expense of staying together in another city or even getting basic medical and dental care in a vulnerable community. It sells the beverage tabs for scrap metal earning anywhere from \$5,000 - \$6,000 each year. This popular fundraiser not only brings awareness of the Ronald McDonald House to the community, it also helps pay for nights stays for families with seriously ill children in the hospitals.

Fun Fact: One-pound averages about 1400 tabs. Franklin County 4-H Clubs collected over 18,200 tabs since August!

"It went really well, we collected a lot more than I expected we would!", said Craighton. "If clubs want to continue to collect pull tabs, I will pick them up from the Franklin County Extension Office until Monday, June 29."



The Franklin County Extension Office is located at 3 First Ave NW, Hampton, Iowa. For more information about 4-H contact Jackie Dohman, County Youth Coordinator, at 641-456-4811 or jackied@iastate.edu

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