



MEETING DATE: August 4, 2020
NAME/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: UF/IFAS Franklin County Extension Program
TOTAL ATTACHMENTS: None

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Informational Items

General Extension Activities:

1. During this period, the Extension office assisted citizens on the topics interpretation of soil test results, murder hornets, bees, citrus and blueberry production, CARES Act funding for Fisheries-related businesses, rose pruning for better flowering, controlling invasive hydrilla in a private pond, and more.

Sea Grant Extension:

2. Extension Director worked with a team of five FL Sea Grant agents and two UF food safety professors to plan and co-host a two-day in-service training on the topic of Seafood Safety titled “How do you See Your Seafood.” The primary audience was UF/IFAS faculty who work with seafood industry segments and State regulatory staff, primarily from FDACS. Interactive sessions and presentations were conducted via Zoom and provided information on a variety of topics focused around safe seafood handling practices, how the industry is regulated, and future anticipated challenges for seafood supply and demand.
3. The Extension Director participated on a planning team with other FL Sea Grant agents who work with clientele in aquaculture-related industry, regarding the initiation of a new intern program that will pair UF interns with various aquaculture businesses to provide an educational opportunity for interns, as well as providing staffing assistance to the businesses. Funding will be coming from FL Sea Grant to pay intern’s salaries.

4-H Youth Development:

4. 4-H youth are participating in a virtual 4-H University program this year due to the COVID pandemic.
5. A virtual 4-H Plant Camp is being conducted and available to Franklin, Bay and Gulf County youth.
6. 4-H clubs are still not meeting in-person due to the virus but a large number of programs are being conducted online with great success and high numbers of youth participating.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

7. Transition to a distance learning platform continues for programs to use when school begins.
8. Yearly statistics for nutrition programming in the schools were provided to the Franklin County Health Department for their reporting purposes.

