

County Extension Activities November 20 – December 3, 2019

General Extension Activities:

- Extension office assisted clientele with issues related to native plants, tree health, and local gardening.
- Work underway on annual report of accomplishments/plan of work, as required by UF/IFAS each year.
- Extension Office renovation project “walk-through” completed and contractor working on 15-day “punch list” items prior to beginning move-in.

Sea Grant Extension:

- Extension Director presented to a review panel in Gainesville regarding the sea turtle/beach lighting work done over the past 4 years. This was part of the Florida Sea Grant 5-year review process.

4-H Youth Development:

- 4-H Tropicana speech competition completed at the classroom and school levels. Our County competition will be held in February.
- Franklin County youth won many blue ribbons for their photography exhibits entered in the North Florida Fair competition.

Family Consumer Sciences:

- Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Assistant teaching hands-on cooking skills with pre-K youth to 8th grade with “Kids in the Kitchen curriculum. Includes kitchen safety, cooking skills, how to follow recipes and, always the favorite part, taste testing.

Agriculture/Horticulture:

- Several new Master Gardener students finishing up course being taught by Wakulla CED in Franklin County.

University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

Franklin County Educational Team

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Michelle Huber, Office Manager/Program Assistant, Franklin County

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Samantha Kennedy, Wakulla County Family and Consumer Sciences

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