On behalf of the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Franklin County staff, members of the Board of Directors and the program advisors, please accept our 2016 Program and Fiscal Year Annual Report.

During 2016 CCE continued to offer diverse programming in youth development through 4-H traditional club programs, and expanded our after school enrichment efforts. We are now conducting programs in Chateaugay, Tupper Lake, Salmon River, Brushton-Moira Districts and the Akwesasne Mohawk School. Nutrition education and exercise programs for youth and seniors have been held around the county with resounding support from schools and senior centers.

Over the past years, Franklin County, as well as neighboring counties, saw a major increase in regional staff supporting agricultural needs, especially in the dairy and agronomy sectors, but also in farm management, marketing, and both dairy and meats processing. Financial support comes from federal dollars through Cornell and state funds for Harvest New York; however, CCE Franklin Association paid the lion’s share of the bill to bring educational support into the county.

Economic development activities through CCE Franklin included work with many partners on a Travel & Tourism Destination Plan for the county, “Reestablishing Hops in the North Country”, and applying for Cuisine Trail designations in the county.

CCE Franklin continues to offer education and learning activities by taking knowledge gained through research and bringing it directly to residents of the county and beyond. Our staff creates positive changes in the lives of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Rick LeVitre
Executive Director

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Cornell Cooperative Extension supports our local agriculture industry with educational programs and technical services for farmers and rural landowners with commercial and part-time agricultural business enterprises. We offer resources and programs related to dairy farming, livestock management, agronomy, ag economic development, natural resources, horticulture, maple production and much more.

Programs include: Reestablishing Hops in the North Country, Northern-NY Regional Agriculture Team, New Farmers Program, Recycling Agricultural Plastics Project, Wild Edibles, and a number of hands-on-value-added Land Management Trainings.

Check out our Ag Success Stories Here:

HTTP://FRANKLIN.CCE.CORNELL.EDU/RESOURCES/2016-AG-SUCCESS-STORIES
All youth activities offered by Franklin County Cornell Cooperative Extension fall under the 4-H umbrella, whether they happen after school, in the summer, or as a workshop, club, camp, or special event. 4-H programs are offered in a wide variety of formats and places because they’re designed to fit the interests and needs of the diverse young people who live in our rural and urban communities.

Afterschool Programs:
Panther Hour - Chateaugay Central
Bulldog Hour - Brushton-Moira Central
Tupper Lake 21st Century Community Learning Center
Akwesasne Mentoring Program

Check out our Youth Development Success Stories Here:
http://franklin.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth

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4-H Camp Overlook is a traditional 6 Day, 5 night overnight camp located in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains on Indian and Mountain View Lakes. Camp is owned and operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties. The mission of 4-H Camp Overlook is to provide a natural Adirondack environment where youth, under the guidance of positive role models, take part in a personal growth experience that emphasizes community building, positive social interactions, environmental awareness, skill building, and fun.
Camp Akalaka is a collaboration between the YMCA and CCE that has been running strong for 5 consecutive years. For the 2016 summer CCE took over the administrative duties for the camp. Camp Akalaka 2016 was extremely successful in fulfilling the needs of community by providing a safe, affordable, educational and FUN place for youth to spend their summer. Each of the 10 weeks had an attendance of about 60 campers. Campers had the opportunity to go on camp trips, swim daily and engage in a multitude of different camp classes each week. This past year was the first year a farm day field trip was incorporated and it was a huge hit thanks to the connections of CCE. Camp Akalaka prides itself on the experience it provides to a diverse group of youth and the everlasting friendships that bloom during the camp season.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.campakalaka.org
The Family Health and Well-Being program provided a number of well received and utilized programs. It went to schools and community events sharing information and education with youth and adults about ways to stay safe while biking including the importance of riding on the right, wearing bright colors and helmets, and following the rules of the road. Youth received bike helmets provided by a Safe Routes to School grant and the knowledge of how to fit the helmet properly to protect their heads.

The program also helped seniors in Saranac Lake, Malone and Akwesasne improve their strength, balance and range of motion with the Growing Stronger program and the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program. These popular programs are growing and continuing with additional locations.

Through a contract with Adirondack Medical Home and at the request of healthcare providers, educators worked one-on-one with patients, helping them to create personal goals. By developing strategies together, clients are empowered to reach their goals through education about nutrition and healthy food choices, balancing energy in and out, ways to be physically active and how to overcome barriers to their progress.

CCE helps foster an economic climate that supports and promotes the expansion of agricultural business within Franklin County. We assist agribusinesses to help ensure agricultural industry viability by exploring ways to enhance sales through direct marketing or developing value-added products and to create employment opportunities.
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