



Extension Winnebago County Review

JUNE 2021

The Extension Winnebago County team continues to extend research-based information and provide outreach education programs to the residents of Winnebago County and beyond. Please take a few moments to explore some of the highlights of the last month.

Agriculture - John Thompson john.thompson@wisc.edu

June 2021

- Webinars:
 - Grassworks Webinar
 - Financial Management of Pasture Systems, part 2
 - Stocking Rates
 - Badger Crop Connect – 2 in May and 2 in June
 - Farm Energy – Solar Panel Leasing, part 2
- Phone calls and emails:
 - Inquires about nitrogen management and herbicide recommendations
 - Continue Interpreting soil test results
 - Home gardening – strawberries, blue spruce, and pines
 - Forage varieties & seeding rates
 - Herbicide for pastures
 - Alfalfa scissor clips results to our local producers to optimize forage quality
- County Farm Bureau on 2 dairy promotion events in June:
 - June 4th, The Timber Rattlers baseball team changed their name to Udder Tuggers to promote Dairy.
 - Visit Winnebago County Dairy Promotion on Facebook to see pictures from the ballgame
 - Coming up June 12th, drive thru grilled cheese dinner at Schuster Dairy -1561 Koro Rd., Berlin WI 54923. Registration is required. Tickets available at [evenbrite.com](https://www.evenbrite.com).
- Winnebago County about field drainage. This event is June 24th at 5705 County Hwy E. Committee members are invited and encouraged to attend. This event is held in partnership with UW Extension, Wisconsin Tubing Co, and Discovery Farms. There will be flyers and email sent. If you or someone you know would like to be on the email list for this event, please contact our office or me directly. Tell them you are interested in the Wisconsin Tubing Drainage Clinic.
- Plan of work for Crops Institute
- Planning Committee for small ruminant webinar series for 2021–2022.

Horticulture - OPEN

4-H Youth & Science Educator-Sarah Thompson

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- Finished virtual lessons with several elementary and middle schools in Menasha and Oshkosh during the spring semester (detailed report will be shared later).
- Utilized the Discover 4-H boxes with six different 4-H project area activities to teach lessons virtually with third through fifth graders at Gegan and Jefferson Elementary Schools in Menasha. The boxes and lessons were a smashing hit with the students!
- I am working with volunteers, county staff members, educators, and 4-H state staff to bring what was our two-county clothing revue, then to four-county clothing revue to the **state level**. We currently have over 60 young people registered for the event which will be done via zoom Monday evening (6/14/2021).
- Cloverbud Camp will take place July 19 at Menominee Park. I am working with several youth who will be serving as camp counselors and a couple of adult chaperones to make this camp fun and educational. We will be doing crafts, games, and songs as well as touring the zoo and learning about various animals that are housed there. Theme: Embrace Your Wild Side. Registration is open now through the first of July.

4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger

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- 4-H Summer Camp Wilderness planning continues. Counselor training focused on ages and stages of youth development as well as safety protocols during camp. About 60 youth have signed up so far for camp. Counselors will be leading activities in rec, crafts, nature, adventures (hiking), and drama.
- County fair planning continues. 4-H will be focusing on promotion of the 4-H program via photo (booth) area, chalkboard art, spotlight stage, and make-n-take kits will be passed out.
- Youth Awards ceremony tentatively scheduled for Aug 8th outdoors at the county fair.
- YAC workshops taking place: June – How to Make Homemade Chalk; July – Tin punch art.
- Horse and rabbit shows did successfully take place at the fairgrounds in May.
- Our dairy project youth are teaming up with Outagamie County for Area Animal Science Days and the Dairy Quiz Bowl competition.
- First “Reboot” meeting took place with club leaders. We are focusing on closing gaps in youth project areas (especially for older youth needing more advanced training) as well as marketing efforts for fall re-enrollment. I will be working on creating table-top promotional kits that volunteers can take to school open houses and making connections with school offices to schedule consistent electronic communications in conjunction with school newsletters.
- Discover 4-H program has been successful so far. We have completed all of our educational Zooms between the Area 10 counties (Waupaca, Outagamie, Calumet, and Winnebago). Sarah Thompson completed her Discover 4-H programming in Menasha Schools. We are meeting with Gegan and Jefferson Elementary principals in Menasha this summer to plan 4-H clubs in those schools this fall! Next, Area 10 will be teaming up with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Fox Valley at a Timber Rattler Game in August to make Discover 4-H Boxes available and Sarah T. will be bringing the boxes to the Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh, this summer.

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Presenting

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- I shared in the May review that the ColorBold Business Association finally received the remaining funds from Fit Oshkosh's Coworking Space, and now I am excited to share the additional good news that ColorBold will be granted substantial funds from the [WEDC Entrepreneurship Support Grant](#). This grant will fund extensive capacity building, business development trainings, and a business directory including Entrepreneurs of Color in Northeast Wisconsin.
- The Facebook Live monthly ColorBold Spotlight featured #ColorBoldSpotlightMay with Rhonda Chandler of [Lovin' the Skin I'm In](#). Check out the recording [HERE](#) and the ones from previous months [HERE](#).

FoodWise - Kris Soper

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- In June I will be starting new, in-person programming with the Menasha Boys and Girls Club teaching Teen Cuisine.
- I am currently working on flyers to introduce Farm Market Tours. These will be going out to WIC participants as well as OACP participants. Anyone participating in the tours could possibly receive incentives to attend. Could be a grocery bag or even an additional \$10.00 to spend at the Farm Market.
- Ledgeview Gardens Tour
- May be presenting!