



Extension Winnebago County Review

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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.

Financial Education - Todd Wenzel

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- Co-developing an Encouraging Financial Conversations booster session on personal credit for use with the EFC curriculum statewide.
- Working with Extension colleagues to develop new modules for both the Rent Smart and Money Matters curricula.
- Continue actively participating with the Winnebago County Eviction Prevention Task Force and planning Rent Smart outreach activities to targeted neighborhoods in the county.
- Attended the monthly meetings of the Fox Cities and Winnebagoland Housing Coalitions.
- Completed Money As You Grow training for youth audiences.
- Spoke on the Wisconsin Idea to new colleague onboarding as a member of the Extension Call To Action Initiative 1 workgroup.

Human Development & Relationships/Health & Well Being - Mandi Dornfeld

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Reported on June 17th, so this will capture plans for the future:

- As advised by the board, I am working with Jody Bezio to create a comprehensive and strategic marketing plan.
- My intern will work on a brief presentation outlining the programs, services, and resources of Winnebago Extension.
- Starting in July there will be a monthly (free) opportunity to attend Adult Mental Health First Aid training.
- Diversity Affairs will convene the steering committee as soon as it is appointed.
- Fall 2021 programming will be mostly virtual for classes with a few in person contracted offerings as requested by organizations.

Horticulture - OPEN

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Agriculture - John Thompson

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- Webinars:
 - Grassworks Pasture Walks Hosted Andy Jawouski
 - Financial Management of Pasture Systems
 - Stocking Rates
 - Badger Crop Connect - 2 in June and 2 in July
- Phone calls and emails:
 - Inquires about nitrogen management and herbicide recommendations
 - Continue interpreting soil test results
 - Home gardening and lawns: cracks opening up and bird issues
 - Forage varieties & seeding rates for upcoming summer seedings
 - Herbicide for pastures
 - Potato leaf hopper control in alfalfa for 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
 - 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 field drainage Field Day. This event was June 24th at 5705 County Hwy E. Committee members were invited and encouraged to attend. This event was held in partnership with UW Extension, Wisconsin Tubing Co, Discovery Farms, and Winnebago Farm Bureau. The event was a big success and very well attended with over 100 and 2 individuals self-identified as people of color. Evaluations were very positive and the group wanted an annual event next year. Pictures included.. Tell them you are interested in the Wisconsin Tubing Drainage Clinic being an annual event.
- Plan of work for Crops Institute
- Planning Committee for small ruminant webinar series for 2021-2022.



FoodWise - Kris Soper

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Community Development - Mia Ljung

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- Check out the [#ColorBoldSpotlightJune with Eulonda Martin](#) from the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group
 - I chatted with Eulonda on June 29th, and it was a real privilege to hear her journey of becoming a realtor and what has brought her success in her business. One recurring theme was that building relationships is key to success, and I can relate to that in my Extension work :-)
 - *Preview: Nothing provides Eulonda with greater satisfaction than helping her clients, and she realized very early on in her real estate career that happy clients are what makes her happy! Eulonda focuses on being the kind of real estate professional that will listen to her clients, understand the market, and always be positioned to stay ahead of the game.*
- I was honored to partake and lend my perspective to the [New North](#) Equity Diversity Inclusion Belonging Executive Council where [Extension Community Development Educator Diana Hammer](#) and I co-lead the workgroup on Small business and Entrepreneurship. Our efforts in the Council will lead to strategic efforts to advance opportunities for marginalized business owners in our region.

4-H Youth & Science Educator-Sarah Thompson

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- Programming with the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh continues. I have taught two sessions to different groups of youth at the Peace Lutheran site the last couple of weeks and will be doing the next couple sessions at their main building.
- Discover 4-H boxes will be utilized at the Menasha Boys & Girls Club starting this week with five additional dates throughout the summer. Dana and I will be leading these lessons and hope to provide a “fair” event for them to showcase their work.
- Summer Camp 2021 was a success---held at Norbert Rich School Forest.
- Continue work with Cloverbud Camp counselors as we prepare for Cloverbud Camp 2021 on July 19th at Menominee Park. We are looking forward to a new venue and opportunities to explore the zoo and learn from their staff, go on a train ride, complete some crafts, play games, sing songs, and learn more about 4-H.

4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger

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- Discover 4-H boxes will be shared with 20 - 4th and 5th graders at the Menasha Boys & Girls Club. Sarah Thompson and I will be working with the youth on their project boxes. We hope to implement a “mini fair” for them when all 6 of their projects are completed to help them experience the “reflection” part of their 4-H time with us. High school 4-H-ers will come and serve as “judges.”
- Summer Camp Wilderness: Summer Camp took place June 28th & 29th at Norbert Rich School Forest. Over 75 youth participated either as a camper or camp counselor. Even though we had a lot of rain, youth didn't mind getting wet and enjoyed activities in nature, crafts, rec, drama, and campfire. A special “shout-out” goes to Sarah Thompson, who could play kick ball with the best of them!
- Fair preparations continue. Our line-up of events:
 - Youth Chalkboard Art Displays all week during fair.
 - 4-H Photo Fun and Info Area will be set up all week during fair outside the Expo/Barns.
 - Basket Raffle located in the Expo Building all week. Winners will be announced Sunday @ 1PM.
 - 4-H Dipper Food Stand: Partnering with Farm Bureau. Food will be available all week.
 - Clothing Project Fashion Show: Aug 4th @ 4PM under the Family Tent.
 - Spotlight Stage: August 7th - 2-5PM under the Family Tent.
 - 4-H Youth Awards Ceremony: August 8th @ 11:30 AM in the Covered Arena.