



Extension Winnebago County Review

SEPTEMBER 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.

Community Development - Mia Ljung mia.ljung@wisc.edu

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4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger dana.berger@wisc.edu

- I am presenting the following info during the September meeting:
 - Fair highlights
 - Reboot (club leader roundtable)
 - Fall Re-enrollment
 - Youth Leadership (YAC and Ambassadors)
 - Thriving Model Survey (intro to)
 - Fall Pizza Sale! We are accepting online orders. Go to: <https://winnebago4hleaders.square.site/> (pick up is at Sunnyview Expo between 11a - 1p).
 - Record Books are due to our office on Oct 15th. I will be bringing a few for viewing to the October meeting.

4-H Youth & Science Educator-Sarah Thompson sarah.thompson@wisc.edu

- I have been setting schedules for lots of programming in many of the schools in Winnebago County and Boys & Girls Clubs.
- Cloverbud Blast will take place Sunday, November 7. Several of our camp counselors will be there to reconnect with our campers from the summer, and we will be recognizing Cloverbud graduates.

Financial Education - Todd Wenzel todd.wenzel@wisc.edu

- Presenting

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

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- Started the Sources of Strength training for High Schools. Will be coaching 14 provisional trainers to train in their own schools as part of the project's sustainability plan.
- A new emerging project is a suicide prevention framework in the workshop. I've agreed to be the educational partner for the Project Zero Grant. The goal of this project is to reduce the number of adults who die by suicide. I'm part of the workplace resilience strategy.
- Providing leadership in a Training of Childhood Trauma Trainers in September.
- The Trauma Informed Care Alliance has moved our project into capacity building, and we've secured a 3-5 year funding commitment to hire a Trauma Informed Community Coordinator.

Agriculture - John Thompson

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- Grassworks Pasture Walks for August (Grassworks is a non-profit organization that promotes grazing adoption throughout Wisconsin).
 - Use of Drones in Grazing Systems
 - Stocking Rates
 - Portable Fencing Options
- Webinars: Badger Crop Connect - 2 in August
 - September 8th: Fall Manure Management - Carrie Laboski, Are nitrate inhibitors beneficial? AND Jamie Patton, Cover Crops that Best Scavenge N for Water Quality
 - September 22th: Winter Wheat and Soil Carbon - Randy Jackson, Are there agroecosystems that build soil carbon? AND Shawn Conley, Setting Up the Winter Wheat Crop for Success
- Phone call and email inquiries
 - Land rental questions from producers – Value added for no-till and cover crop use
 - Sheep pasture systems (Female Sheep Producer among others)
 - Fencing
 - Water systems
 - Stocking rates
 - Pasture mix
 - Farmer Market (Female Potato Producer)
 - Marketing
 - Profitability
 - Management of inventory
 - Interpreting soil test results
 - Home garden
 - Lawn
 - Ag Fields
 - Forage varieties & seeding rates for summer seedings
 - Agro-Tourism: Wedding Venues and Vineyard Tours (Female Producer)
 - Crop rotation that would be compatible to also be used as parking
- Planning Committee for small ruminant webinar series for 2021-2022. Some topics up for discussion:
 - Minerals
 - Parasite control strategies
 - Direct marketing
 - Predator control
- Monthly Reporting to UW reporting portal

Horticulture - OPEN

FoodWise - Kris Soper

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FoodWise - Hannah Phillips

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- Newly formed Fox Valley Food Security Effort is assessing community resources - speaking with community organizations to understand where food is available in Winnebago County. This group is developing a plan for hearing from community members about resources and needs related to food in the county.
- Funding available for partnerships between FoodWise and schools to complete an assessment of school wellness policy and practices, and try out new strategies that promote healthy eating and physical activity.