



## Extension Winnebago County Review

AUGUST 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](mailto:mia.ljung@wisc.edu)

- For ColorBold Business Association July Spotlight, I interviewed indigenous artist Jezelle Childs-Evans, AKA J25 - an Appleton-based Indigenous hip-hop artist and record label owner of HGM Music Group. Like many indigenous hip-hop artists, J25 uses her platform to bring awareness to issues that affect tribal nations and people and to be a voice for change. Check out the recording [HERE](#).
- Assisted ColorBold with grant budget planning and event preparation as the group is planning on a virtual “soft launch” event on September 21, 6-7.30 pm, when Leadership will present their identified priorities and encourage members to join.
- I have been involved with the ins and outs of being on the search and screen committee for the Horticulture Educator position. Exciting to be moving into the interview stage later this month!
- As a co-lead for the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Work Stream within the New North Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (EDIB) Executive Council - much research and writing has gone into suggesting 1-3 initiatives to discuss and consider before moving ideas to the New North Board.

### **4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger** [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu)

- County fair is underway (Aug 4-8)! See last month’s report for all of the 4-H activities. My September report will contain a summary of the county fair.
- Met with Menasha Joint School District (Nathan Werley) to begin the process of starting a 4-H club at Gegan Elementary in the fall! This will be one of our first official 4-H after school clubs.
- Re-enrollment starts next month and runs through November. I am working on putting together a promo kit that 4-H volunteers can use and take to the schools during open house events.
- I am a member of the State 4-H Policy Workgroup. We are currently revising financial policies and training guides to help better prepare volunteers and youth treasurers to manage club funds appropriately.
- ‘Re-Boot,’ a series of in person meetings and Zooms to help club leaders get back on track with club meetings (after a tough year and a half with COVID) is continuing with our next meeting in August. We will be discussing back to school promo ideas and a re-enrollment push as well as forming stronger project committees.

## 4-H Youth & Science Educator-Sarah Thompson

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## Financial Education - Todd Wenzel

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- Attended UW-Madison Center for Financial Security Financial Capability Summer Workshop with Extension colleagues and UW faculty and state specialists. Topics included New Child Tax Credit Implications for Families, COVID-19 and Family Finances, and Fraud, ID Theft, and Financial Scams.
- Created an eviction alternatives for landlords fact sheet for statewide use, found here: <https://finances.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/07/Eviction-alternatives-fact-sheet-for-landlords.pdf>
- Co-created a tenant options fact sheet for the end of the eviction moratorium, found here: <https://finances.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/07/Renters-what-to-do-when-eviction-moratorium-ends.pdf>
- Began financial coaching services with initial clients referred from COTS in Oshkosh.
- 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 beginning in August.
- Working with the Youth Forward Wisconsin workgroup on the youth savings account project.
- Attended the monthly meetings of the Fox Cities and Winnebagoland Housing Coalitions.

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

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- Completed a week long intensive suicide prevention training and certification so that I'll be able to train trainers in Winnebago County High Schools in a strengths-based suicide prevention program.
- Hosted a grandparent in person park night, 10 families attended to reconnect.
- Planned for a fall 2021 series of parent cafe programs for parents to connect and support each other as we transition back to school.
- Trained the camp staff at Youth Go in the Real Colors Program to build team and belonging.
- Hosted two Adult Mental Health First Aid Programs which teach community members the signs and symptoms of mental illness and provides advanced training on what to do if they observe them.
- Up and Coming this Fall: Sources of Strength suicide prevention in the schools, Compassion Resilience for frontline staff, Parent Connect for parents, Adverse childhood experiences for Goodwill and Training of Trainers, WeCope (stress management) for community members.
- Supported the Diversity Affairs commission.

## Horticulture - OPEN

## **Agriculture - John Thompson**

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- Grassworks Pasture Walks for July
  - Financial Management of Pasture Systems
  - Stocking Rates
  - Water Systems
- Webinars
  - Badger Crop Connect - 2 in July
- Phone calls and emails
  - Land rental agreements from producers
  - Sheep pasture systems
    - Fencing
    - Water systems
    - Stocking rates
    - Pasture mix
  - Dairy Goat Enterprises
    - Marketing
    - Profitability
    - Pasture management
  - Interpreting soil test results
    - Home garden
    - Lawn
    - Ag Fields
  - Forage varieties & seeding rates for summer seedings
  - Potato leaf hopper control in alfalfa for our local producers to optimize forage quality
- Plan of work for Crops Institute
- Planning Committee for small ruminant webinar series for 2021-2022
- Promotion of 3 Statewide Field Days
  - Cover Crops
  - Weed Management
  - Alternative Forages
- Attended Reporting Portal Training

## **FoodWise - Kris Soper**

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