

# JACKSON COUNTY EXTENSION & EDUCATION COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

## 4-H & Positive Youth Development Team



June 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019



### 4-H HIGHLIGHTS

**Camp Counselor Training**– On June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> we conducted Camp Counselor and Counselor in Training (CIT) training at the Jackson County Extension Office. Training lasts from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM on both days and I talk about the following: what it means to be a counselor, what camp looks like, their roles, camp songs, camp skits, how to put up a tent, ages and stages of youth, safety, and general camping basics. This year we had 5 counselors (9<sup>th</sup> grade youth and higher), and 5 CITs (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders). We had a great time learning different skits to perform for the campers at camp, practicing songs to sing, learning how to put up the tents, and sharing what they think it looks like to be a great counselor.



**Black River Falls Bike Rodeo**– 4-H was invited to attend the BRF Bike Rodeo again this year and have a booth with an activity. I had one youth volunteer and one adult volunteer help me at the bike rodeo where we had two different activities take place. We had a small trivia challenge, and if the kids were able to complete the trivia challenge about bike safety then they received their Drivers License for Bike and Scooters! The second activity was one that we did about every 30 minutes – it was a science demonstration about the importance of wearing your helmet. We had two mason jars – one filled half-full with water and the other empty. We put an egg in each of the jars and then we shook up each jar at the same time and talked about the results. Pretty cool experiment actually! The bike rodeo was a great way for 4-H to get their name out in the community more, get connected to other community groups, and to provide another educational opportunity for youth.



### VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

**Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training** - This month I hosted a Volunteer in Preparation training for two adults from the Jackson County area who were looking to be trained as a 4-H volunteer to help out at 4-H camp in a different county. The training went well and hopefully in the future they will be interested in coming back to Jackson County

**Parent and Leaders Board Organization and Communication** - This last month I worked with the Jackson County 4-H Parent and Leaders Board to get them their own Google Account. This means that they now have their own line of communication with 4-H families, their own email address, and also their own drive to store their files.

### KEY MEETINGS

June 3 – Zoom: The Extension Exchange  
June 3 – Zoom: Taylor County 4-H Educator  
June 3 - TC Cloverbud Event: Cookie Decorating  
June 4 – TC Intern Training: Anna Drazkowski  
June 5 – SEED Training  
June 5 – JC Parent and Leaders Board Bylaws Meeting  
June 5 – JC Fair Superintendents Meeting  
June 6 – Summer Assistant Training  
June 6 – Ambassador Planning Meeting; Rosa Mooney  
June 7 – JC Intern Training: Cami Subra

June 7 - Working Lunch with Taylor County 4-H Educator  
June 8 – BRF Bike Rodeo  
June 11 – 14 – Camp Kinnissippewa (TC 4-H Camp)  
June 17 – JC Parent and Leaders Board Meeting  
June 18-19 – JC Camp Counselor Training  
June 20 – Zoom: 4-H Club Central Website  
June 20 – JC Volunteer in Preparation Training  
June 24 – TC EEC Meeting  
June 24 – TC Parent and Leaders Board Meeting  
June 26 – JC Camp Counselor Make-up Train

## Key Programs and Projects

### **Tractor and Machinery Safety 6/18-20**

This program is for youth ages 12-15 who intend to operate tractors or self-propelled implements of husbandry on public roads under the direction of their parents or youth under 16 who will be employed by farms without pay. Brad Markhardt and I taught the 3 day course including classroom instruction, hands on training, and interaction with panelists who have suffered farm related injuries. The program culminates with a written and driving exam required for certification.

### **Crop Scouting Projects**

Western Bean Cutworm-Continues to be a growing problem in the state. This program aims to determine patterns, timing, and control methods for handling the WBCW. I monitor one trap and report findings to DATCP weekly.

Tar Spot-A newly emerging fungal disease which hit Wisconsin especially hard last year and is expected to continue into the 2019 growing season due to favorable cool and wet conditions. This program is designed to validate a smartphone application called Tarspotter by walking a local corn field weekly and recording eye spot and tar spot cover percentage. Once fully developed, the app will help farmers determine best management practices of fungicide application for control of tar spot based on their location and weather conditions.

Spotted Wing Drosophila-SWD fruit fly monitoring is underway on one blueberry operation with traps being placed June 10th. Cami will be leading data collection on this project and assisting with the grower with pesticide management decisions based on findings.

## Other Programs, Projects and Meetings

June Dairy Breakfast-Extension & MG Displays, Dairy Judging, Ag Artisan Tent 6/1

MG Coordinator Meeting 6/3

Dairy Team Annual Meeting 6/5

SWD Trap Placement 6/10

Cohort Zoom 6/11

FSA Committee 6/11

Livestock Sales Committee 6/11

Ag Institute Zoom 6/12

HRM Team Planning 6/17

WBCW Trap Placement 6/21

Community Garden Work Day-Facilitated 6/22

International Farm Transition Network Conference 6/24-25

Farm Succession Workgroup Zoom 6/26

Ag Institute New Colleague Orientation 6/27

Crops & Soils Team Zoom 6/28

## Farm Visits/Consults

Kutcher-Nutrient App. 6/4

Johnson-Premise ID 6/4

Meiers-Nutrient App. 6/4

Haas-Soil Testing 6/6

Holcomb-Honeybee 6/6

Morales-Horticulture 6/10

Kutcher-Weed ID & Control 6/10

Pierce-Horticulture 6/11

Kingsbury-Ginsing/Garlic 6/12

Brown-Insect ID 6/17

Slifka-Horticulture 6/19

Pfaff-Corn Health 6/26

Massman-Prevent Plant 6/28

**Jackson County Extension Education & Communication Committee**  
**FoodWise Report for 6/1/19 – 6/30/19**



**FoodWise Projects, Events & Professional Development - April Duval, Coordinator:**

- PEARS Data triple check
- Jackson in Action Community Coalition Meeting
- Lesson plan reflections and updates made: 4K lessons
- Western Dairyland Head Start Health Advisory Committee Meeting
- Completed the UW System Data Security & Privacy Annual Training Online Course
- Completed the UW System Purchasing Card Policies and Procedures Training Course
- Completed the Civil Rights online training module 3: Fundamentals of Expanding Access
- Extension Outcome Statement compiled and entered into Recording Results system and in PEARS
- Jackson in Action: Harvest of the Month Calendar and Recipes emails and calls with La Crosse County public health staff to collaborate topics and efforts.
- Jackson in Action: determined recipes to use for Harvest of the Month flyers in collaboration with La Crosse county topics
- Jackson in Action 5210 Challenge materials distributed to schools:

**5210**
**June 10 - June 23, 2019**
**Tracking Log**

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	<p>All participants who turn in a completed tracker by <b>Monday, July 1</b>, will be entered in the prize drawing! Multiple prizes are available!</p> <p>Snap a cell phone picture of your completed tracker and email to <a href="mailto:jacksoninaction12@gmail.com">jacksoninaction12@gmail.com</a> or drop of at the Black River Memorial Hospital Cafeteria or the Boys &amp; Girls Club BRF for your chance to win:</p> <p><b>Farmers Market Dollars and other Family Friendly Prizes!</b></p> <p><small>Brought to you by Jackson in Action (<a href="http://www.jacksoninaction.org">www.jacksoninaction.org</a>)            Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services, Black River Memorial Hospital, Ho-Chunk-Nelson, UW Extension-Jackson County, Together for Jackson County Kids, Lunds Community Center, Boys &amp; Girls Club, Hansen's IGA, BRF School District, and ADMH School District.</small></p>					

# Jackson County Extension Education Committee

## Summer Intern Report

### Summer of 2019

#### Summer of Science

**Mad Science Mondays** - This program takes place every Monday evening for 1 and a half hours. There have been 4 events so far with 32 youth participants accompanied by their guardians, the majority of which attended multiple events. Topics have been Fizzy Explosions, Bubble Fun, Soda Science, and Electronic Fruit.

**Club Tech Day** - This one-day camp took place on July 23rd with nine older-elementary participants. Activities included hands-on discovery with electronics, coding, and robotics. Participants also learned problem-solving skills, teamwork, and how science and engineering connect to their lives.

**SOS at 4-H Camp** - I led three rotations of ship engineering challenges and a whole-group activity that taught the properties of bubbles.

**SOS at Cloverbud Camp** - I led a "Three Little Pigs" segment where children built houses that could withstand the force of a fan.

**Upcoming** - There will be two more Mad Science Mondays (Cake Chemistry and Slime) on 7/29 and 8/5 and 1-2 sessions of technology activities at the fair.

#### 4-H Program

**Camp Counselor Training** - I assisted with presenting this two-day event. It also served as a way to orient me with camp and some older youth volunteers.

**4-H Camp** - In addition to gathering and organizing materials prior to camp, I supervised campers, provided support to counselors, and prepared materials before activities. I assisted the 4-H Coordinator in making camp smooth and fun for all.

**Cloverbud Camp** - I helped in the afternoon of this one-day event by delivering food and assisting with crafts along with teaching my activity.

**Upcoming** - This year there will be a "project room" in the hockey arena that will provide drop-in activities for families to learn more about the fair and 4-H. I have been contacting volunteers and will help them design their activities, gather materials, and support them during the fair.

#### Agriculture

**IPM Trap Monitoring** - For six weeks I have visited a blueberry farm south of BRF to collect samples of their bug population to search for SWD, a damaging invasive species of fruit fly. I have been fortunate enough to not have found any yet.

**Field Day** - I purchased materials and prepared signage in anticipation for this event. During this afternoon event I assisted the Agriculture Educator, met farmers in the area, and managed the take-down.

**Upcoming** - I have already done some work with the community garden but in the next few weeks I will support the Boys & Girls club visits, create signage, and aid the Agriculture Educator in writing grants for updates to the garden.