

JACKSON COUNTY EXTENSION & EDUCATION COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

4-H & Positive Youth Development Team



July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019



4-H HIGHLIGHTS

4-H Summer Camp– This year our Camp Counselors and Counselors in Training (CITs) picked out our Summer Camp theme and it was....drumroll please.....Shipwrecked in the West! We had a lot of different activities offered at camp. Some of the activities included: tubing, canoeing, roping, architecture building, bubble fun, skits, knot tying, origami, and so much more! Camp is open to youth in grades 3 through 6th. CITs are 7th and 8th graders and our Counselors are high school students. This year we had 18 youth attend camp, and then had 10 Counselors/CITs. We also had 4 wonderful adult volunteers and the summer intern to help make the camp a success!



Cloverbud Camp– This year we separated out our Cloverbud Camp from our 4-H Summer Camp – due to volunteer and staffing concerns (i.e. not having enough volunteers to help at camp). The camp became a full day and we had 6 cloverbuds (Kindergarten-2nd grade) participate. The theme was Fairytale/Storybook and activities were related to different stories that we would read the youth. The event went well as we had myself and one adult volunteer. The summer intern also came out for a bit to teach a session on engineering and the Three Little Pigs. During her session the cloverbuds built houses out of supplies that had to withstand the wind from the big bad wolf (a standing fan), and they had to work together to build it. The whole day was full of fun and laughs!

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

WI 4-H State Volunteer Position Descriptions - I had various different meetings this month via Zoom to discuss the 4-H Statewide Volunteer Position Descriptions. With the University of Wisconsin-Madison merge the state is now required to have position descriptions for all of their volunteers by September 1st. We worked to finalize the volunteer position descriptions, get them in line with the WI 4-H policy ideals, and to keep them updated in our other systems (i.e. 4Honline). They were finished and now in the process of final checks at the state level to be utilized starting this coming 4-H year!

KEY MEETINGS

July 1 – Zoom: Club Central Meeting
July 2 – JC Camp Prep Day
July 2 – Zoom: WI State Volunteer Position Descriptions
July 3 – Educator Lunch: Taylor County Educator
July 15 – JC Cloverbud Camp
July 15 – JC P&L Board Meeting
July 18 – TC Little Miss & Little Mister Cloverbud Ceremony
July 18 – TC 4-H County Award Ceremony
July 19 – TC P&L Board Meeting
July 18-21 – TC Fair
July 21 – TC Fair Herdsmanship Judging
July 23 – Presenting on Volunteer Position Descriptions to the State Volunteer Development Team

July 8 – TC Little Miss & Little Mister Cloverbud Contest Day
July 9-11 – JC 4-H Summer Camp
July 12 – JC P&L Board Treasurer Meeting

July 24 – JC Fair Clean-up
July 25 – JC EEC Meeting
July 26 – WI 4-H Program Manager Presentations
July 26 – Zoom: WI State Volunteer Position Descriptions
July 30 – Zoom: WI State Volunteer Position Descriptions
July 30 – WI 4-H Program Manager Presentation
July 31 – Zoom: WI State Volunteer Position Descriptions
July 31 – August 4 – JC Fair

Key Programs and Projects

Crop Management Field Day 7/17

Delayed planting and continuous wet conditions this year have added unique challenges for farmers and their crop management strategies. I organized this meeting with guest speakers Bryan Jenson (Extension Field Crop Entomologist) and Damon Smith (Extension Field Crop Pathologist). Key topics included economical timing for spray applications, newly emerging tar spot, and aphid management strategies. Area farmers were encouraged to participate in the discussion and ask questions based on their unique farm concerns. The event was generously sponsored by Rob-See-Co and took place at the Matt Murray Farm.

Farm Tech Days-Farm Management Booth 7/23,24

Farm technology days was hosted at the Walter Grains Farm in Johnson Creek. I represented Jackson County and the Division of Extension at the Farm Management team educational booth. The focus of our booth was the recently launched "Resilient Farms, Families, Businesses, and Communities: Responding to Stress" website. Extension recognizes that stress has always been a concern for farmers and their families but is even more so during today's challenging economic times. The new site offers resources and support to assist those who may be struggling with the effects of stress or facing difficult decisions surrounding the viability of their farm business.

Other Programs, Projects and Meetings

HCE Newsletter Article
Weekly WBCM Monitoring
Weekly Tar Spot Scouting
Dean's Exchange 7/1
Automated Milking System Decision Tool Meeting 7/2
WWBP Program Planning Zoom-Multiple
Face to Face Cohort Orientation 7/9, 10
Coulee Grazier Pasture Walk-Facilitated 7/11
Farm Management Team Zoom 7/12
DATCP Vet Meeting 7/12
Farmer's Market Board 7/16
Succession Team Planning Zoom 7/18
Jr. Livestock Tag Reader 7/19
Community Garden Meeting-Facilitated 7/22
Fair Clean-up 7/24
Community Garden Grant Writing Project
MG Coordinator Update 7/30

Farm Visits/Consults

Ruzic-Rental Rates 7/1	Brown-Hazelnuts 7/18
Schmidt-Pest Mngt 7/1	Raether-Insect ID&Mngt 7/25
Hanson-Hay Pricing 7/11	Bue-Historical Land Values 7/30
Eton-Insect ID & Mngt 7/15	Multiple Fair Related Questions
Remble-Hemp 7/16	
WI Public Radio 7/17	

Jackson County Extension Education & Communication Committee
FoodWise Report for 7/1/19 – 7/31/19



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

- FoodWise monthly staff call: Nutrition and Aging
- FoodWise Curriculum Workshop: Serving up MyPlate
- UW-Madison transition July 1st – completed purchasing card registration
- FoodWise fiscal year 2020 (October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020) completed program agreements letters for partners.
- Meeting with new Trempealeau County Home Based Head Start Coordinator to discuss Nutrition Education programming offerings.
- Completed the UW System “Promoting Equity at UW-Madison by Preventing Sexual Harassment and Violence” online training course.
- FoodWise new curriculum: Food Smarts – Eat Fresh online mini course training workshops: 15 modules and FoodWise staff webinar trainings.
- Jackson in Action 5210 Challenge – met with Nutrition Sub Committee members to select winning trackers, compiled list of participants, made prize postcards and prize packets and delivered.
- New FoodWise promotional video - Please watch at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFS4WNR8s7w&t=7s>



FoodWise Program Impact Video