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4-H POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator and
Linda Robson, 4-H Program Educator

Sheboygan County 4-H youth and adult volunteers are still active and making a difference in their communities during these challenging times of COVID-19. Through both technology and a little bit of creativity, the youth and volunteer leaders are still keeping in contact. Almost 45% of the 4-H clubs and committees have met using technology to continue communication and planning.

4-H is known for their generosity and giving of community service. Therefore, a global pandemic couldn't stop the 4-H members from doing something to make a difference. A few things that youth members have been doing for community service include youth making cards and pictures for local nursing homes trying to spread cheer when residents were not able to have visitors. Another 4-H club provided candy to health care workers to thank them for their dedication to caring for those sick or injured. One 4-H club helped assemble snacks that were distributed for school lunch packs. Finally, one 4-H club general leader reached out to her club members and suggested that they help neighbors in need with yard care.



Now that it is finally getting a bit warmer outside, many of the clubs are continuing on with their typical community service that involve outside activities. While practicing social distancing and wearing masks and gloves, 4-H clubs are participating in their monthly roadside clean up. They keep together as families and decide who is cleaning what section and what side of the road. They are also working together to keep our 4-H Camp Riversite picked up by selecting different days and times and tasks to complete.

Talking with club and committee leaders, many of them stated that they felt it was very important to keep in contact with the youth members. One leader had said that she feels it is necessary to reach out to the youth right now since school has been canceled and they lost their typical social interactions and adult support system. Through emails, phone calls and Facebook posts, volunteer leaders are letting the youth in their clubs know that they care and are available.



AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mike Ballweg, Agriculture Agent

Extension Agricultural Education Programs Recently Delivered Virtually

- Provided leadership for developing and delivering, via zoom and YouTube, **Growing and Feeding Alternative Forages**, on Friday April 3rd, to farmers and ag-professionals across Wisconsin. Forage shortages continue to challenge dairy farmers especially in Eastern WI and negatively impact farm profitability during the market disruptions of Covid-19. 100% of the poll respondents indicated that the webinar was either Extremely helpful or Somewhat helpful. 70% responded that they had increased their knowledge. Approximately 150 people participated in the webinar.
- Covid-19 has disrupted dairy markets resulting in an oversupply of milk being delivered to dairy processing plants. Farmers have been asked to dispose of milk on their farms in an environmentally sound way. Collaborated with Carrie Laboski, UW-Madison Soil Science Department and the NPM program to develop the webinar, **Considerations for Land Spreading Milk Webinar** held on April 7th. Approximately 625 people participated state wide.
- Worked with local Media (Plymouth Review and Sheboygan Falls News) to deliver a news story to help the general public better understand how Covid-19 is disrupting dairy markets and grain markets and the impacts it is having on local farmers.
- Covid-19 is not only disrupting dairy markets it has negatively impacted grain market as well. Cash grain markets have fallen 15-20% in the last 6 weeks. Much of this disruption is the result of lower energy prices and consequently lower prices for corn being made into ethanol and an export market that has been erratic at best. The Crop Production Team has identified and developed Extension Resources to address grain crop production in low-margin years. Low margin crop production resources have been shared with county educators, industry professionals and farmers across the state.
- Extension Resources and Ag Educational programs are delivered via email (Tri-County Email List) to 550 farmers and ag professionals in the Sheboygan, Ozaukee and Washington County area.

Master Gardener Volunteers Continue to Learn

- UW Turfgrass Extension Specialist Doug Soldat shared: **The latest science about lawn care and tips and tricks for making your lawn healthy while protecting the environment.** April 28, 2020 - via Zoom
- **Wisconsin Ticks: Tick Biology, Diseases, and Personal Protection**

PJ Liesch from the UW-Madison Dept. Entomology Insect Diagnostic Lab covered the basic biology of Wisconsin's main tick species and discussed the health threats associated with ticks. April 23, 2020 -via zoom

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION
Kevin Struck, Community Development Educator

Most of the town zoning maps in Sheboygan County were drawn in the early 1980s before the appearance of computerized mapping and detailed data sets like digital aerial photography, wetland boundaries, topographic elevation contours, and so forth were available as computerized overlays in a geographic information system (GIS).

As a result, when a property contained wetlands, floodplain, steep slopes, or other natural feature that necessitated part of the property being zoned into a conservancy district like C-1, the border of the natural feature was estimated using the data and tools of the time. Further, it was typically the practice to square off borders and use straight lines in order to make drafting easier and create a clean looking map. Although this was usually “good enough,” these factors often meant that a border drawn on the map didn’t precisely match what was actually on the ground. For example, a C-1 border that was fine for a small-scale zoning map might be dozens of feet off from the actual extent of a wetland or floodplain in the field.

It would be a lot of work to revise a town-wide zoning map to adjust all of the C-1 conservancy borders to account for today’s improved data and technology, so most of the borders from 40 years ago remain the same. Most of the time this is not a problem, but now and then it can have a significant effect on a property owner’s development plans.

Just such a property owner recently contacted Kevin and asked for help. His property, pictured at right, is currently zoned A-2 Agricultural around the house, and C-1 Conservancy everywhere else—even though the natural features that originally led to the C-1 designation actually cover far less of the parcel.

Using 2019 aerial photography, the latest wetland mapping, and elevation contours, Kevin drafted a more accurate border for the C-1 portion. This was important because the property owner planned to tear down the existing sheds in the center of the parcel and replace them with a pole building. This would be allowable in A-2 but not in C-1.

Moving the zoning border to more accurately reflect the true conditions of the land will allow the owner a fuller and more reasonable use of the property.

Kevin explained all of these issues to the landowner and town officials. The plan commission voted to approve the proposed zoning border adjustment at its May meeting.

The landowner told Kevin, “I also want to say thank you for helping me out! It’s more than you would have to and I appreciate it a ton. It shows there are still good people out there that like to help out the community!”

The town clerk commented, “Thank you so much for helping him out, and especially creating those zoning maps....It made perfect sense. I’ve never been a fan of having two zonings on a property, mainly due to the fact of how difficult it is to determine where those “lines” are. If the boundaries follow the lay of the land, well then that’s easy, but just willy nilly like it’s been before, that disturbs me.”




FOODWISE
Amanda Miller & Janeth Orozco, FoodWise

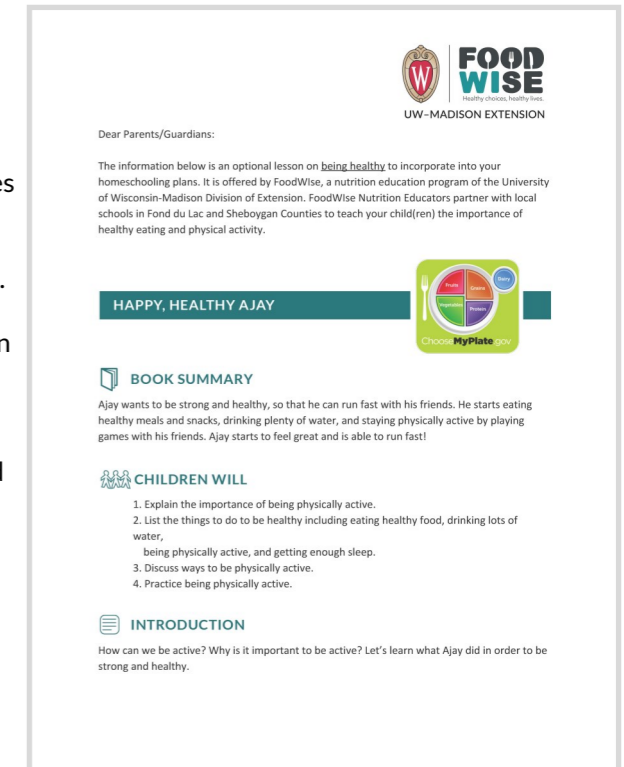
FoodWise partners with 7 elementary schools within the Sheboygan Area School District and 4 Head Start Centers to provide nutrition education to students. Kindergarten students learn about the 5 food groups from the Discover MyPlate curriculum and Head Start students learn about trying new foods from the Color Me Healthy curriculum. Due to the recent changes in the school year, some of the FoodWise classes did not occur.

It is more important than ever that parents and children are staying healthy. FoodWise adapted lessons from the Read for Health curriculum into a newsletter format. Teachers can include these lessons in their weekly lesson plans for homeschooling parents. The four lessons adapted include: trying new foods, staying physically active, drinking water, and staying healthy. Each lesson has an audio book, discussion questions, an easy activity, and a recipe. Each topic was separated into age-appropriate newsletters for Head Start students (3-5 year old) and elementary students (K-2nd grade.) The adapted newsletters are available in English and Spanish.

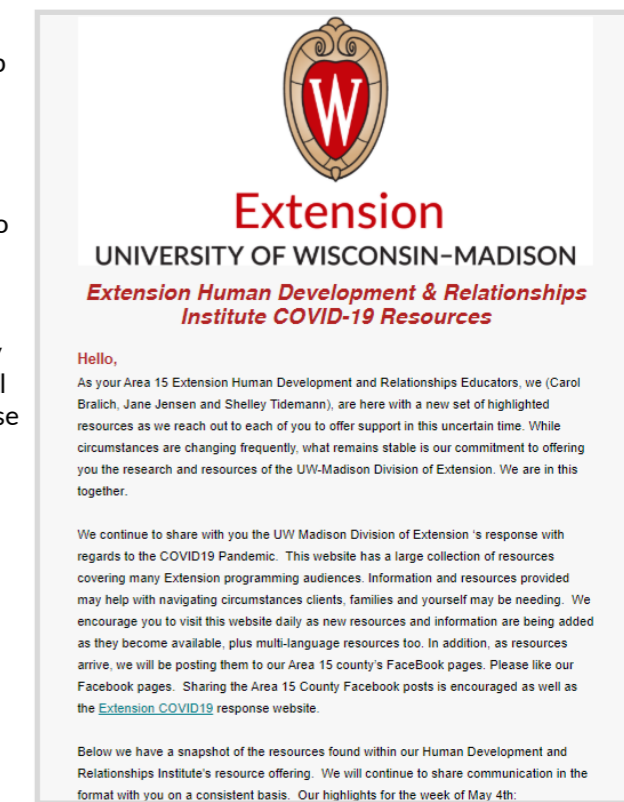


HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONSHIP
Jane Jensen, Human Development and Relationship Educator

In response to COVID 19 Jane collaborated with the Human Development Relationships Educators in Area 15 to create bi-weekly messages to share up to date research-based resources with decision makers, organizations, families and individuals. New targeted information is highlighted in each bi-weekly message in order to provide residents resources in the areas of parenting, self-care, family caregiving and older adults, finances, food safety, food resources and nutrition during COVID 19. Permission was requested to share these ongoing messages with all Sheboygan County employees and all individuals on the Aging and Disability Resource Centers church, family caregiver and organizational list serves on an ongoing basis. Visit the UW-Madison Extension’s COVID website as new resources are being added daily as they become available <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covid19/> Please feel free to contact Jane to have your email added to the list serve to receive these bi-weekly Human Development and Relationships updates jane.jensen@wisc.edu



The screenshot shows a newsletter from FoodWise. It includes a header with the FoodWise logo and the text 'Dear Parents/Guardians:'. The main content is a 'BOOK SUMMARY' for a story about a boy named Ajay who wants to be healthy. It lists 'CHILDREN WILL' learn: 1. Explain the importance of being physically active. 2. List the things to do to be healthy including eating healthy food, drinking lots of water, being physically active, and getting enough sleep. 3. Discuss ways to be physically active. 4. Practice being physically active. There is also an 'INTRODUCTION' section.



The screenshot shows an email newsletter from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension. It features the UW-Madison Extension logo and the text 'Extension HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS INSTITUTE COVID-19 RESOURCES'. The email begins with 'Hello,' and addresses the Area 15 Extension Human Development and Relationships Educators. It mentions that Carol Bralich, Jane Jensen, and Shelley Tidemann are providing highlighted resources. The email encourages recipients to visit the website daily for new resources and to share the resources on Facebook. It also mentions that the website has a large collection of resources for various audiences.