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UW-Extension Connections

Waukesha County UW-Extension Newsletter

May 2018

Highlight: UW-Extension at the 2018 Waukesha County Fair

Evidence of Waukesha County UW-Extension’s educational influence will be found in multiple locations at the 2018 Waukesha County Fair.

UW-Extension 4-H volunteer leaders have worked with 4-H youth throughout the year providing them with the tools to master their skills and helping them prepare to show their completed projects at the Waukesha County Fair. Judging of non-animal projects takes place on Monday and Tuesday of “Fair Week”



4-H youth answers questions about her woodworking project during Waukesha County Fair judging

(July 15-22), while animal projects are judged Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday. This year, 511 Waukesha County 4-H youth have enrolled in 187 non-animal projects and 30 animal projects. You will find the non-animal projects on display in the round Expo Arena building and the farm related animal projects in the barns and tents. Youth also present project demonstrations and give speeches on the Youth In Action Stage in the Arena as part of their Waukesha County Fair entries. Another location where youth demonstrate their skills is volunteering in the 4-H Kitchen where they practice food safety and money handling. 4-H Kitchen sales benefit the Waukesha County 4-H Leaders Association which provides scholarships and many other opportunities to Waukesha County 4-H members.

UW-Extension staff and Master Gardener volunteers will be providing educational activities during the Fair in the Kids’ Zone, which is located in the air conditioned 4-H Forum building—see the schedule on the right for more information.

If you have questions or are interested in more information about 4-H programming or volunteering, call 262-548-7774 or visit our website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/4H.



4-H youth during Dairy judging at the Waukesha County Fair

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The Connections Newsletter is published three times a year. If you want to read a Newsletter you missed, visit our website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/AboutUs.

New Youth and Family Educator

James Boling joined Waukesha County UW-Extension on April 3 as the Youth and Family Educator. James’ primary focus is on programming, collaboration and establishing relationships with youth and family organizations in Waukesha County including 4-H.



UW-Extension Educational Activities in the Kids’ Zone at the 2018 Waukesha County Fair

Wednesday, July 18

Noon - 5 pm, Engineering STEM Activities

Thursday, July 19

Noon - 4 pm, Physics STEM Activities

11 am - 1 pm, Master Gardener led Activities

Friday, July 20

Noon - 4 pm, Space STEM Activities

11 am - 1 pm, Master Gardener led Activities

Saturday, July 21

Noon - 4 pm, Electronics STEM Activities

11 am - 1 pm, Master Gardener led Activities

Sunday, July 22

10 am - 4 pm, Bubble Science STEM Activities

Community Partnerships Expand Educational Outreach Opportunities

Community partnerships are vital in helping us address complex community issues. Thanks to our partnerships with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and ProHealth Care, we are able to expand our healthy neighborhoods initiative through educational outreach programs, community building projects and leadership development.

In June, an educational program will be offered to two Waukesha neighborhoods about the benefits of using container gardening to beautify the home landscape.

To learn more and discuss potential collaborations, call us at 262-548-7781.



UW-Extension Health & Well-Being and Horticulture Team Up to Teach

Waukesha County UW-Extension educators will be teaming up to teach to five groups of preschool and school age children this summer. Each class combines a gardening lesson and planting activity with a nutrition lesson on eating fruits and vegetables to teach children where their food comes from.



For more information on this program, *Dig Into Gardening*, or other educational programs we have available, visit our website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/Programs/.

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UW-Extension SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners at Eble Park & Ice Arena 30th Anniversary

Master Gardeners will be at the 30th Anniversary of the Eble Park & Ice Arena on Saturday, May 26 to provide gardening information, answer gardening questions and give tours of the Eble Park flower, herb, and vegetable demonstration gardens. UW-Extension SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners care for these educational gardens at this Waukesha County Park located on Bluemound Road. Stop by the Master Gardener booth between 3:30 to 5:30 pm and have your yard and garden questions answered by a trained Master Gardener at this public event.



For more information about the SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardener program, visit our website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/HORT/MG/.

Nutrition Education for Spanish Speaking Seniors

Our Bilingual FoodWise Nutrition Educator will be partnering with the Hispanic Health & Resource Center this summer to teach nutrition lessons to Spanish speaking seniors at their community garden.

Lessons will include shopping for food on a budget, the importance of fruits and vegetables, the benefits of physical activity, cooking for one or two, how to eat/cook with less salt, and more.

For more information, contact our Nutrition Education Coordinator at 262-548-7877 or jherz@waukeshacounty.gov.

4-H Nature and Ecology Organization SPIN (Special Interest) Club Gets Kids Outdoors

The Waukesha County 4-H Nature and Ecology Organization (NEO) SPIN Club is heading outside this summer with a variety of activities for youth to experience. Their schedule includes:

- May 19, Glacial Drumlin Trail - Geocaching Bike Ride
- May 26, Yerkes Observatory - Astronomy
- June 16, Retzer Nature Center - Aquatic Life
- August 18, Nixon Park, Hartland - Water Quality Testing
- September 15, Muskego Park - Management Practices



There are no fees for participating in the NEO SPIN Club beyond membership in Waukesha County 4-H, however, there may be fees associated with park or facility entrances.

For more information, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/4H/.

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