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## August 2016 Newsletter

*We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.*



### News and Upcoming Extension Events

#### Community Development

##### nEXT Generation and Douglas County

Many of our stakeholders are aware that the current 2-year state budget included a \$250 million cut to the University of Wisconsin System as a whole. James Anderson wrote a feature in the June/July issue of Positively Superior, which discusses how UW-Extension is addressing their portion of this cut. The article may be accessed online here: <http://bit.ly/PSnextgen> (the URL is case sensitive).

#### Small Business Workshop – To Incorporate Or Not!



The September 6<sup>th</sup> Twin Ports Inventors and Entrepreneurs workshop will present the pro's and con's of different business structures. This workshop will present the basic forms of business structure types, including: sole proprietorship, partnerships, limited liability corporations, or incorporation (S and C). Each structure presents unique advantages and disadvantages. Operation and control, investment, continuity and transferability, legal liability, compensation and payroll tax, and other pro's and con's will be discussed for each structure. The September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting is at 6 PM and will be held at WITC Superior campus. Registration is free and may be completed at <http://bit.ly/6sept16ie>

#### 4-H

August is one of the busiest times of the year for 4-H, starting in the first week with our 3-day Junior Camp. Members and volunteers provide food and hands-on activities for the annual Mighty Machines, a community event held on the 11<sup>th</sup>; and on the 17<sup>th</sup> 4-H Youth Development Educator Sharon Krause will show youth in Superior Library's summer program how to make buzzing door alarms to guard against sneaky siblings! The month ends with the Head of the Lakes Fair in Superior from August 23 – 28. County fairs are the culmination of the year for 4-H members, who choose projects to work on and then present them to judges and the public. Besides honing their communication skills, youth work alongside adults to serve food in the Dairy Bar and manage exhibits throughout the fairgrounds. Please come support these amazing volunteers and be inspired by our future leaders.



Also in August, plans are moving forward for the school year, 4-H's annual Achievement Night, Superior Days, and even Winter Camp! There will be more S.T.E.M. activities after school this year, and on Saturday September 17 there will be some training offered for anyone interested in volunteering to lead them. Despite using technology, no science background is required! The activities are student-centered, which means youth are given some basic information and then left to experiment on their own. If interested, please contact the office at 715-395-1363. New this year: LittleBits, user-friendly circuits that allow anyone to build hundreds of different things. To see a short video of how they work, google "TED Talk Little Bits".

### **Agriculture/Horticulture**



**Agriculture:** I have been collecting forage samples this summer as part of a study to measure harvest loss in forage nutrition. Farmers will learn what harvest practices to adjust to raise their forage quality and cut losses. Excellent management = agriculture sustainability!

**Upcoming Events:** Twilight Pasture Walk, managing weeds and harvest to increase longevity and value of your forage, August 24 at a pasture near you.

Agronomy Symposium, late fall. After the harvest is in, we will meet with farmers, crop consultants, fertilizers dealers and farm agents to discuss agronomic topics of concern for our region. This will include soil nutrient management updates, pest management, organic dairy forage trends, and farm succession for farm families. Venue and date to be announced.

**Horticulture:** We are moving ahead in connecting growers to Integrated pest management options during this cool and wet summer. Garden Pest walks have been conducted in Solon Springs Superior, and Lake Nebagamon to identify some of the key pests and control to manage a successful garden. Remember, use of pesticides is the last action to control what ails us in the garden. For so many reasons, the art and science of Integrated Pest Management is key to success... environmental and economic.

**Upcoming events:** [Master Gardeners Level 1](#), September 19 – December 5.

**Local Food:** We have spent the summer implementing actions that will help us learn and support our local food infrastructure. Our Local Food Coalition is considering food access, justice, economics, and technical needs as we advance our mission. The mission of Douglas County Local Food is 'To support, promote and coordinate infrastructure for Douglas County to increase access to healthy, local food systems'. Promise yourself to take a look at the Douglas County [Local Food Website](#) and [FaceBook Page](#) today. You will be pleased at how Douglas County is stepping up to fill a need on understanding local food for our region!

**Upcoming Events:** Tasty Vegetable Trial Grower and Chef Event, August 31, 9:00 am (venue to be announced). Several field trials of new local market vegetables have occurred with the help of our Douglas County Growers. Local Chefs are invited to have a taste and rate for future market development.

Won't you join us?

### **WNEP**

First week of August: Food Pantry visits, Healthy Weighs for Less

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. in August: WIC Grocery Tours, Super One Foods Harborview

Every Friday in August: Harbor House, My Plate Family Meals

3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. in August: Northwest Community Services Agency Transitional Housing, Affordable Fruits

8/22: Early Head Start Home Base program, Feeding For Healthy Eating

Fall: EHS Home Base Program

