



**Extension**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
FOND DU LAC COUNTY

# Programming Highlights

August - September, 2019

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

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## Food Safety, Security & Health

- Melanie Phillips just finished a 5-week summer series at the **Johnsonville Boys and Girls Club location**. She taught two classrooms of 2nd graders with various nutrition topics, including learning about where fruits and vegetables grow, MyPlate, learning where our food comes from, hand washing, food safety, drinking water, and physical activity. During the 5 week course, Phillips taught a total of 115 students.

## Thriving Youth, Families, Organizations & Communities

- Twelve Fond du Lac County 4-H, FFA, and/or Jr Holstein members represented the county at the **2019 Wisconsin State Fair Jr Dairy Show**. Over 600 youth and 800 head of cattle from across the state participated in the annual show.
- Three Fond du Lac County 4-H and/or FFA members participated in the **Wisconsin State Fair Jr Swine Show**. This is the first time in nearly 10 years Fond du Lac County members participated in state fair.
- Dairy & Livestock Agent Tina Kohlman is advising a group of individuals who are developing and implementing a **Supreme Showmanship Competition** for the 2020 Fond du Lac County Fair. This past month, Kohlman and the committee attended the Dodge County Fair to learn about and watch their contest which is in their ninth year.
- Twenty three individuals participated in the **Fond du lac County Dairy Project Year in Review meeting**, where Kohlman solicits feedback for improvements for the county wide project and educational opportunities.
- Shelley Tidemann team taught 41 court ordered Co-Parenting participants at the August **Living Apart Parenting Together** session. Sixty children were involved with these participants. Tidemann and Ernst (Family Courts) have secured

updated videos from the Center on Divorce for use in the Co-Parenting and Paternity Co-Parenting sessions held in FDL County.

- Tidemann continues with Waupun City Aging Coalition Committee, **Healthy Aging in Rural Towns (HeART) grant**. In August the Wrap Around Services sub-committee focused on a charter for the subcommittee, tracking document and building educational offerings to support caregivers and plan for the two October events. Sr. Citizen day was celebrated at Waupun Sr. Center. The Coalition also met in August to address HeART grant requirements. Tidemann serves on both entities.
- Tidemann, Carol Bralich (HDR) Extension Educator- Washington Co; Renee Koenig (HDR) Extension Educator- Kewaunee Co and Lori Zierl (HDR) Pierce Co Extension Educator presented a statewide Zoom inservice for Extension Educators and interested parties on August 1. Use of **Taking Care of You Curriculum** with farm families and the agribusiness communities was the focus.
- RonJakubisin continues to plan **Youth in Governance (YIG)** program in partnership with FDL City Council. He met with Councilman Giles several times in August including members of Envision FDL Leadership and Dr. Seibert to discuss training and program roll out. Jakubisin (along with Council member Giles) will schedule meetings with FDL City committees/boards in Sept. to do presentations about YIG to each committee/board. He is identifying youth to be on the planning committee and will continue to meet with Giles and develop training calendar, manuals and other materials, with a deadline of final materials for Oct. 9 presentation to FDL City Council.
- Jakubisin met with Men of Vision (a program of Ebony Vision); FDL School Dist. Equality Coach and 4-H to identify youth to sit on planning committee for YIG program development.
- Jakubisin attended **Fond du Lac's National Night Out!** event promoting Extension services and educational programs.
- Jakubisin attended the **Alto Fair** representing Extension and promoting Extension services and educational programs.
- Jakubisin attended the mandated UW Extension Cohort 5 training: Initial webinar; *Writing Situational/Workplan Statements* and met with UW assigned mentor.
- Jakubisin has attended other professional development trainings including: the Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (Madison) Webinar: *Overview of the K-12 Toolkit for Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention*; and UW Extension's *Writing Outcome Statements* Webinar.
- Jakubisin's position is a shared position between Fond du Lac and Washington Counties.

- 45 Fond du Lac County 4-H members had exhibited projects **Wisconsin State Fair**. Several of the youth had special awards on their exhibits!
- 39 Fond du Lac County 4-H and/or FFA members had artwork selected to be displayed the month of August at **Gallery and Frame Shop** in downtown Fond du Lac.
- Tracy Keifenheim attended **Fond du Lac's National Night Out!** event promoting Extension services and educational programs. She also had 2 youth representatives from the Fond du Lac Teen Leaders Association helping promote 4-H and doing an activity with community members.
- Keifenheim attended the **Alto Fair** representing Extension and promoting Extension services and educational programs.
- Keifenheim is meeting with **Creative Arts Festival** committee to start planning for 2020 event.
- Keifenheim is attending **Teen Leaders Association** which will wrap up the year.
- Keifenheim attended the mandated UW Extension Cohort 5 training: Initial webinar, National 4-H Week Webinar, Adult Leaders Meeting, Zoom Tech Training, NAE4-HA Board of Trustees Business meeting, and UW Extension's *Writing Outcome Statements* Webinar.
- **Community Gardens volunteers** built a new heavy duty stand for the largest water tank. We will now be able to fill the tank and use it next season. Our cover crop is up and doing well. Rain still makes some of the roads impassable in spots.
- **Jr. Master Gardeners** have all the materials for a new fence for their 'Garden of Eatin'. A number of Master Gardeners will volunteer to help with construction. We have gone to our fall harvest schedule every week until our Harvest Celebration date.

### **Stronger Economies**

- Tidemann is meeting with service providers who send clients to **Rent Smart** for follow up evaluation on how the Rent Smart class has assisted their clients with housing. Additional work has been done with affordable housing demographics for the Fond du Lac Co. Housing Coalition use as affordable housing continues to be a challenge for individuals. Tidemann along with UW Madison-Division of Extension specialists has begun the designing of the **Digital Independent Study of Rent Smart** to accommodate independent learners who cannot attend an in-person class as well as train professionals/volunteers who seek to teach Rent Smart in their respective state/community. Tidemann collaborating with **Forward Services Agency** will be teaching two of the **Rent Smart** modules with Forward

Services clients to address “affording a place to live” and “Rental Agreements-Moving In-Moving On” needs.

- Tidemann continues Financial literacy skill development with **ADVOCAP Fresh Start** program. Financial coaching process is now used for client centered learning.
- Tidemann and 77 Johnsonville and Thiesen Boys and Girls Club 2nd graders, enrolled in the 2019 Summer School program, completed the **Dollars During Development (3-D)** youth financial literacy program to build literacy and financial literacy program in early August. Tidemann is meeting with the Boys and Girls staff/Directors to evaluate the program and investigate further use of 3-D with Boys and Girls club afterschool programming. Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy Board meeting being held in Fond du Lac in September changed and Tidemann cannot present 3-D to them, but planning for a future meeting date to present.
- Diana Hammer, Extension colleague Joseph Malual (Chippewa/Dunn/Eau Claire), and Fit Oshkosh hosted a gathering of **Black business owner interview** participants and Extension administrators to review what interviewees said and start planning next steps.
- Hammer met with Extension colleagues Tessa Conroy, Angie Allen, & Malual to outline proposals to submit for the **UW-Madison Fall Research Competition**.
- Hammer and Allen met with Qualitative Analysis Specialist Christian Schmieder to learn proper coding techniques to use with the 48 interview transcripts.
- Hammer, Conroy, and Mia Ljung (Outagamie/Winnebago) were accepted into a competitive **Extension Evaluation intensive program** that will run for nine months and participated in the first meeting.
- [Hammer spoke with Bob Hoffmaster at KFIZ](#) (16 min.) about discrimination in lending and other factors that block African American progress in entrepreneurship. In spite of consistent barriers, there have been times in US History when African Americans had thriving business communities. This will be explored in the screening of “[Boss: The Black Experience in Business](#),” a Wisconsin Public TV documentary shown in partnership with the [Regional People of Color Business Association](#) on [Wednesday, September 18, 6-8:30pm at THELMA Center for the Arts in Fond du Lac](#). The event – movie, dinner, and activities for children ages 10+ - is free. RSVP on Facebook or by contacting Extension at 920/929-3178.
- Moe Craine joined Hammer and Bob Hoffmaster in the KFIZ segment about race. Mr. Craine is a passionate youth mentor, boys and girls basketball coach at Sabish Middle School, parent, husband, and owner of [Temperance Entertainment](#), a DJ/sound technician business. He describes the challenges of

going about daily life as a Black man in Fond du Lac and the limits he's encountered to networking for his business.

### Resilient & Productive Environment

- Kohlman collected alfalfa samples from four area farms participating in the **Wisconsin Alfalfa Yield Persistence Project**. Data from local farms help to determine the optimal time to turn over an alfalfa field based on production, nutrition, and efficiency.

### Office Updates

- Kohlman was recently inducted into the **Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Hall of Fame** for her 19 years of service with the state fair Jr Dairy Show and her dedication to Wisconsin's dairy youth.
- Tidemann has been named to the UW Madison- Center for Financial Security- Division of Extension Fellows. Link leads to the Division of Extension Fellows page- <https://cfs.wisc.edu/ext-fellows/>
- Hammer is serving on the Search and Screen Committee for the statewide Extension Organizational and Leadership Development Program Manager, with final interviews scheduled at the end of August.



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