

2016 Annual Report

Family Living
& FoodWise



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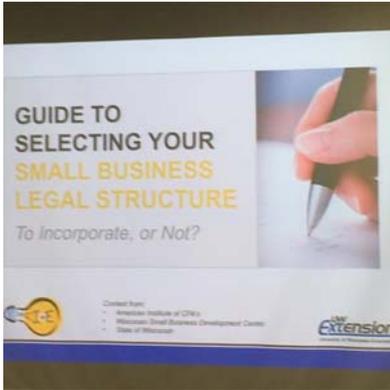
4-H & Youth
Development

Agriculture &
Horticulture





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Twin Ports Inventors & Entrepreneurs

The second season of the Twin Ports Inventors and Entrepreneurs talks were hosted by UW-Extension. We hosted sessions on using social media, how to sell products online using Etsy and other platforms, business structure, and other topics of interest to the inventor and entrepreneur community around Douglas County. In 2017 the series will be re-branded—*Superior Entrepreneurs On Tap*, and we will again be partnering with the Wisconsin Small Business Development Center at UW-Superior.

Farmer's Market Research

Working with the Douglas County Farmer's Market Association and Superior Business Improvement District, I designed a survey to better understand consumer demand and behavior at the two Superior farmer's markets.

During the 2016 Farmer's Market season, I collected approximately 200 survey interviews during the Wednesday downtown and Saturday Barker's Island markets. Results will be available in 2017.



Leadership Superior—Douglas



In 2016, I participated in the 2016 graduating cohorts *Economic Development Day*, where I discussed the basic principles of a business retention and expansion program.

In the fall of 2016, I co-chaired *Sustainable Development Day* with Superior Parks and Recreation Director Linda Cadotte. New for Sustainable Development Day, we included an organic dairy farm experience. This day exposed leadership participants to a variety of development projects around Douglas County,

including: the undeveloped municipal forest, wetland banks, dense industrial development sites Enbridge and Calumet, and an organic farm. Participants learned about land use and planning, and how land use planning plays a critical role in economic growth.

Douglas County Succession—Leadership Development



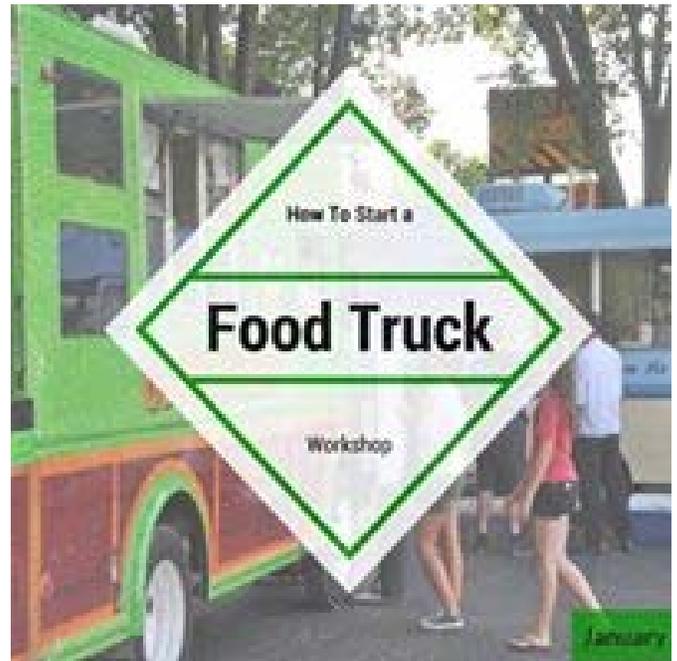
18 Douglas County employees who were nominated by their department manager successfully completed the Douglas County Leadership Succession Workshop Series. This 8-session series focused on developing leadership and management skills with this cohort. Skills learned and practiced included: communication in the workplace, understanding generational differences, coaching and feedback, goal setting, performing employee evaluations and performance management, and an introduction to basic management skills.

How to Start a Food Truck

In January 2016, UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Small Business Development Center at UW-Superior hosted *How to Start a Food Truck Workshop*. Over 60 current and aspiring business owners attended this workshop.

City of Superior and Douglas County representatives were present to discuss zoning, operating licensing, and food safety and licensing topics. KBQ Ribs from Duluth presented on their experience starting and operating a food truck. Social media marketing experts provided a primer on how to effectively use social media for marketing.

The day concluded with a Q & A panel. Each participant also received a packet of materials to guide the start-up process.



31st Superior Days



During 2016, I coordinated the 31st Superior Days where 143 adults and youth traveled to Madison in February 2016 to lobby for issues important to Northwest Wisconsin. An exposition district to support Better City Superior and a local option sales tax for local roads were the leading legislative requests in 2016.

Starting in the fall of 2016, we started the planning for the 32nd Superior Days. 2016 activities included public issues identification meetings, working with the issues committee to consolidate and pick issues, and public planning meetings.





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To make the best better.

The 4-H model is based on learning by doing. Our programs also encourage youth of all ages to learn to lead, whether by teaching, advocating, mentoring, promoting or planning. Here are some highlights from 2016.



Inventgenuity Camp

2016 was the inaugural year of Inventgenuity Camp, a week-long day camp that gives 9 – 11 year olds the opportunity to experiment and build things while practicing teamwork. During the week the youth:

- Built a variety of structures using Funny Gears
- Created and tested ski jumps and roller coasters made for marbles
- Learned how to use digital technology to explore the outdoors
- Figured out how to make circuits with a battery, LED lights & two different kinds of dough
- Built warning alarms for their rooms at home with buzzers



An open house was held on the last day to allow the campers to demonstrate their creations to family and friends. Several families commented on how well the kids got along, a factor important to STEM careers. Inventgenuity Camp will again be held at the fairgrounds June 12 – 16 and attendance is expected to double that of last year.

Youth in Governance

Douglas County has a strong tradition of involving youth in local government, being the first county in Wisconsin to include high school students on its Board of Supervisors. Many alumni from the program are now in public service, including one of last year's students: Nathan Lindahl works in Senator Janet Bewley's office as an intern while attending UW-Madison as a political science major.



In 2016 we tweaked the program to allow for one seat for each of the county's high schools. Solon Springs was not represented this year but Northwestern and Superior High Schools were by Nadia Henegar and Lora Randa, respectively. The Youth in Governance program also includes youth delegates on the Superior City Council. For the first time in several years there are two representatives: Madison Hale and Adam Lavine from Superior High School.

Superior Days 2016 provided another opportunity for high school students to participate in local and state government. Forty youth and chaperones from five counties participated, lobbying side by side with adult community and business leaders. At the Youth Banquet, a speaker from the Future Wisconsin Project spoke about current and future employment trends. Students learned how Wisconsin's aging population will affect the workforce and the state's desire to keep as many young people as possible within its borders.

Volunteers



4-H volunteers try their hand at squishy circuits during a STEM training for adults.

4-H is available for every youth in Douglas County from K – 13th grade. That's a potential audience of more than 6,000! As the only 4H staff person I cannot reach all youth, which is why our volunteers are invaluable to the success of our programming efforts. That is why our volunteers are so important. Our adults advise community clubs; lead projects ranging from archery to photography to animal science; chaperone youth on trips and camps; conduct fundraisers; and help with the Head of the Lakes Fair. In 2016 I trained 18 new volunteers and offered additional training in STEM projects, an area that is growing rapidly but which few adults are comfortable with.

Workforce Readiness

This past year I joined a 4-H state program team called EmPwr which focuses on workforce readiness. Part of EmPwr's mission is to show current members how their 4-H experiences are helping them build a bridge to their future. I led seminars during two state 4-H youth conferences during which youth:

- Identified technical and life skills they are learning in 4-H
- Identified how these skills can connect to future employment
- Practiced communicating these connections on their resumes by writing "Wow" statements

4-H members left the seminars feeling more encouraged about their work in 4-H and more confident in their ability to communicate with future employers.

D.O.T.S. Kits

UW-Extension's outdoor education camp Upham Woods offers a free Digital Observation Technology Skills program to 4-H Educators and school teachers. Since the fall of 2016 I am now coordinating three of these kits for groups in northern Wisconsin. Each kit has a hand-held GPS, digital camera, mini weather station, infrared thermometer, thermal imager, iPad, and digital microscope. The gear is rugged, portable, user-friendly, and comes with a basic lesson plan. Teachers can check out the kits for free after I have trained them and/or their students how to use the equipment (1.5 hours). In October 7th graders from Solon Springs High School used the kits to explore their school forest.



4-H Pledge

*I pledge my **Head** to clearer thinking; my **Heart** to greater loyalty; my **Hands** to larger service; and my **Health** to better living; for my club, my community, my country and my world.*



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In Fiscal year 2016, FoodWise became the official new name of the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program for our State. Although the name has changed, our mission has not. We seek to empower families with limited financial resources to choose healthful diets and become more food secure by spending dollars wisely. We seek to expose children to new fruits and vegetables and to teach them why they are important. We teach parents how to plan and prepare healthy meals and to support communities in making the healthy choice the easy choice where people live, learn, work and play.

Six thousand two hundred and sixteen residents of Douglas County participated in FoodWise nutrition and wellness education during the 2016FY. 5128 (83%) were youth age 6-11, 766 (13%) parents of infants/children, 246 (4 %) Senior Adults, 76 (.02%) adults without children. Douglas County's direct teaching occurred in eighteen diverse settings and in collaboration with nine community partners. In addition, FoodWise provided nutrition education to over 9,200 people through indirect educational outreach, which included emailed and hard copy distributed newsletters.



FoodWise in Douglas provided direct education to students at Bryant, Cooper, Northern Lights, Lake Superior, and the Superior Middle School. Parents and preschoolers were able to access programming at Head Start and the Family Resource Center. Additional education settings included: Faith United and Northwest Community Services Agency's Food Pantries and Transitional Housing programs, Faith United Harbor House Shelters and WIC grocery shopping tours.

The FoodWise educator Nichols taught lessons on the importance of eating vegetables and ways to increase the amount of vegetables students (families) eat. Students at Lake Superior, Cooper, Northern Lights, and Bryant Elementary Schools in Douglas County were offered a variety of vegetable samples (12) as a way to taste new vegetables, increase acceptance, and encourage long term increased consumption of vegetables. Cucumber, jicama, grape tomatoes, zucchini, red cabbage, asparagus, spinach, sweet peppers, peapods, kohlrabi, sweet potato and bean dip were offered to various classes in grades 2-5. A total of 2688 students were offered samples. 2666 (99%) tried the sample, 1134 (42%) tasted the vegetable for the first time, 1066 (60%) would eat the vegetable sampled again, 1623 (60%) said they would eat it again, and 396 (15%) ate the vegetable at home after tasting it at school.

The FoodWise educator Nichols taught lessons on the importance of eating fruits and ways to increase the amount of fruits consumed. Students at Lake Superior, Cooper, Northern Lights, and Bryant Elementary Schools in Douglas County were offered food samples (6) of

various fruits as a way to taste new fruits, increase acceptance, and encourage long term increased consumption of fruits. Cantaloupe, honey dew melon, pomegranate, grapefruit, and avocado were offered to various classes in grades 2-5. A total of 1154 students were offered samples, 1125 (97%) tried the sample, 524 (45%) tasted the sample for the first time, 753 (65%) said they would eat the sampled fruit again, 126 (11%) students ate the fruit at home after tasting it at school.

Coordinator Montgomery taught the Money for Food Smart Shopping Lesson to a total of twenty-five adults at Harbor House Crisis Shelter for homeless women and children and the Northwest Community Services Agency's Transitional Housing program. 23/25 (92%) adults stated they had learned at least one new thing about making a grocery list. When buying fruits and vegetables it was common to choose pre-cut ready to eat items from the local convenience store. Participants felt good about choosing the healthy choice, and now recognize they can go a step further and plan to buy the whole fruit or vegetable to get more healthy food for less. As a result, learners agreed eating healthy doesn't have to cost more. 52% said they would try to do more food preparation themselves to save money. One learner shared with the group the day of the week their local grocer lowers their meat prices and where to find the marked down priced to sell food items. Comments from learners included "Plan ahead and don't shop hungry." "Buy store brands," "Eat what's on sale," "Coupons might not save money." referring to buying the less expensive store brand or off brand instead.



Healthy Weighs for Less mini lessons supported food pantry clients in making healthy choices increasing fruit, vegetable and whole grain consumption, budgeting to improve food security and reducing the consumption of sugar sweetened beverages. Educator Montgomery works her way thru the diverse group of panty clients sitting amongst them as they await their turn, providing small group mini-lessons throughout the evening. A recent discussion with the new Food Pantry Coordinator at Faith United Methodist Church, a partnering agency that provides food pantry, transitional housing, two homeless shelters and the biannual county homeless count, has led to a plan to provide our mini-lessons to the entire group of pantry clients awaiting pantry numbers included as part of the opening procedure of the pantry. We are anticipating more shared learning as well as the need for better amplification.

FoodWise
Formerly Wisconsin Nutrition
Education Program





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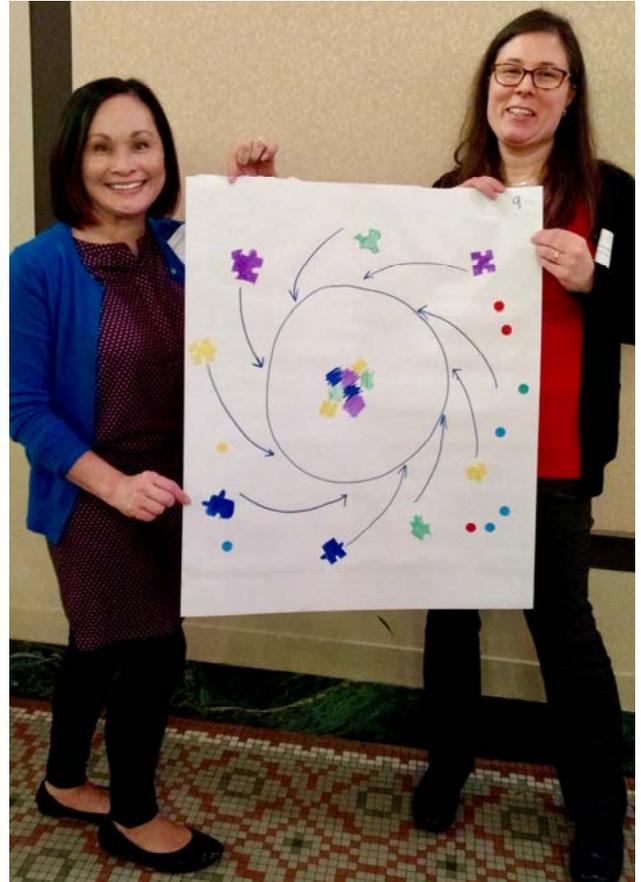
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Supporting our Community's Families

Family Forum Head Start provides early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families through center and home based learning programs in five Northwestern Wisconsin counties. They are among one of ten nonprofit organizations selected to receive funding through the Opportunity Gap Initiative Grant. The grant is an effort to close the widening opportunity gap that negatively impacts our community's children. The "opportunity gap" refers to the differences in opportunity that one culturally, racially and or financially similar group has in comparison with another. The 1.5 million for the Opportunity Gap Initiative projects were provided from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation of Eden Prairie and from Community Foundation resources.

In the summer of 2016, Family Living Educator, Araceli Whitwam-Sell was asked to join Family Forum Head Start in their efforts to launch the grant funded position of Parent Coach, whose main function is to work directly with 20% of its two hundred and fifty Head Start families in an effort to engage



some of the organizations most at risk and impoverished parents. Through the use of strengths based approach the Parent Coach provides much needed support to the family and to the teacher too making it much likelier that they build a successful relationship that benefits children and their families.

Whitwam-Sell was part of the panel charged with the task of interviewing candidates to fill the newly created position of Parent Coach (Heather Kerola). She also sits on the Parent Coach Advisory Committee which meets monthly to learn about what is currently working in our community in connecting with our most at-risk populations and to find out how the Parent Coach position can further build upon these successes. Additionally, she has and continues to attend all Opportunity Gap convening's with Kerola, to assist Family Forum Head Start in successfully implementing and fulfilling their grant funded goals.



Finally, Whitwam-Sell and Kerola enjoy working together in an effort to better engage families and their little ones in fun, engaging and interactive ways of learning and growing. Most recently, they joined forces to provide Center Based services parents and their three year olds with the opportunity to learn how to guide their young children through strong emotions. Family members and their children created three fun crafts that they were able to take home to facilitate and reinforce the concepts they learned. It made for a fun and enriching experience and set the stage for future endeavors that support our community's families.

Relationship Education

In 2016, Family Living Educator, Araceli Whitwam-Sell, partnered with Leslie Walker, Superior Jail Programming Coordinator, and with Kelly Burger, Director of the Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse, to provide their clients with Relationships Matter, a six lesson, two hours per week relationships skills program.

Eight sessions were taught at the county jail for a total of forty-two classes and ninety-six hours of relationship education. Participants compared their level of learning

through a post-class retrospective evaluation. All participants reported a remarked increase when asked the following questions:

- I have a clear and realistic vision about what I want in a healthy relationship.
- I can better recognize "Communication danger signs."
- I am able to recognize and respond to dangerous or unsafe relationship patterns or situations.
- I have a better understanding of the impact stress has on families and relationships
- I have a better understanding of options for responding to stress to protect relationships

In like manner, CASDA clients (59) also experienced an increase in positive relationship skills at the end of the program. So much so, that CASDA chose to have a center advocate trained and certified in the curriculum, which provided CASDA with greater autonomy and provided the opportunity for Whitwam-Sell to expand her outreach in Douglas County.

A robust body of research consistently demonstrates that strong relationships have a positive impact on the wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities. Providing relationship education in both a correctional system as well as in a domestic violence center setting provided women, the opportunity to learn about the characteristics that go into creating healthy and sustainable relationships, conflict resolution, stress management, and the skills to recognize and respond to dangerous or unsafe relationship patterns or situations. Offering evidence guided relationship education to vulnerable audiences creates the opportunity for participants to increase their understanding of creating and sustaining healthy relationships. Additionally, Whitwam-Sell's classes have provided participants with skills that can be used to mitigate or reframe difficult situations.

Shared by anonymous Relationships Matter participants, attest to self growth that can impact our community favorably.

"I now know that I don't want to be in a relationship at this time and want to focus on my kids. And it's okay."

"I always thought there was something wrong with me, but now I understand that we each bring our own stuff into the relationship. I want my kids to learn about this too!"

"Why didn't someone teach me this stuff before? It's super powerful stuff! I'm glad I took this class."



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The 2016 focus for agricultural education, research, and outreach continues to be in economic, environmental and social sustainability. Jane served on three sub-committees of the Douglas County Board in 2017:

- Farmland Preservation Plan.
- Livestock Operations.
- Wetland Functional Assessment/Watershed Committee.

UW-Extension provides direction for how agricultural land use would support, be impacted, or result in achieving county land use objectives. UW research and education was extended to these committees in the topics of soil science, nutrient management, wetland function, livestock management, and agricultural economics. Resulting plans will be used to reach the sustainable land use goals of the County.



Solon School Gardeners Make Friends with Soil Fauna



Nutrient Management Planning with Douglas County Farmer

Healthy Cattle, Healthy Horse, Healthy Pasture = Sustainable Agriculture

Douglas County Local Food

We continue to create an understanding of local food and local food value added limitations and opportunities for Douglas County. As a result, program partnerships have developed between Agriculture & Nature Resources (ANRE) and FoodWise. General attention to community garden needs at local shelters and schools has increased. Awareness of logistics and infrastructure of community and school gardens continues to develop.

The use of Social Media to extend University information of technical, social, and economic research and knowledge of local food played an important role to enhance the stated ANRE Goal for Douglas County. An education and outreach plan was developed for the season which focused on a different topic of local food awareness each month. Within the weeks of the month, a feature of that topic was highlighted to offer the learner a deeper experience to consider the limitations and opportunities for local food.

As a way to address needs of local growers and local food outlets, we participated in the "Tasty Vegetable" trials that encouraged Douglas County growers and chefs to participate in university research. Nearly 10 local growers trialed vegetable varieties that were being developed to meet the needs of local markets and growing conditions of NW Wisconsin. In turn, local chefs and restaurateurs met with the growers at the end of the season for a tasting event of the produce. Results were collected and have been provided to breeders at UW-Madison for traits to be trialed in 2017. Connections made between local growers and businesses have been established. By providing a research platform for the participants to share their experiences and knowledge of the local food market in Douglas

County from different chains in the supply, they achieved an understanding of opportunities and roadblocks.

Horticulture

Most of our extension education for home and community gardening for food occurred within the context of local food. The goal is to raise the level of successful horticulture, particularly for food and within the Master Gardener Program. Objectives included:

- Hosted a UW-Madison Horticultural Specialist to present on Tasty Vegetable Genetics for the Fairlawn Community Talks.
- Mentored and facilitated Master Gardener Volunteer hours totaling 1200 hours for 2017.
- Taught and facilitated a Level 1 Master Gardener Class of 10 Master Gardener Interns.
- Co-taught, "Container Gardens for Food!" in partnership with a Master Gardener Volunteer and the Superior Housing Authority at SHA senior housing.
- Hosted a community fruit tree pruning workshop at a local community garden, engaging over 15 backyard fruit growers in successfully managing their fruit trees.
- In partnership with the Town of Parkland and the Master Gardeners we offered a straw bale, community garden, and bird and pollinator garden design demonstration and tour for over 20 community members to help kick off the new Town of Parkland Community Garden.
- Developed a home composting interactive display for Lake Superior Day celebration, which focused on how home composting is both a good practice for producing home garden food and managing local water runoff to Lake Superior.
- Engaged Master Gardeners in a garlic growing study in which they planted and managed garlic according to 2 university fact sheets. The growing results were documents and are posted on the county Extension website.

In addition, programming included:

- Facilitating the UW-Extension Pesticide Applicator Training for Douglas and Bayfield Counties.
- Assisted Douglas County Forestry Department in the consideration of using goats to control buckthorn at a Douglas County park.
- Partnered in the development of the UW Extension regional Cow-Calf Seminar, which focused on predator management and animal carcasses composting.
- Developed and extend University Research at Twilight Field Event, *Hayland Renovation and Pasture Weed Management*, challenging forage producers to manage hay renovation for profit.
- Contributed an article, "Balancing Biosolids Application with Your Soil Management," that appeared in WLSSD Biosolids Digest, 2016.
- Collected manure samples from organic and conventional Douglas County Dairy Farms to use for an emerging contaminants study by the USDA – Agricultural Research Service, University of Nebraska.
- In support of UW-Madison forage research, collected samples of hay from dairy farms throughout the summer's harvesting process. The samples are being used to study the impact on harvest equipment, management and timing on harvest loss.



Pasture Field Day: Soil Management for Sustainable Forage



Local Farmers and Chefs Sample Local Beets. at the Seed to Table Project tasting.



2016 Master Gardener Level-1 graduating class



July 11—16, 2017



Come and see the 4-H exhibits.

Visit the 4-H Dairy Bar, to help support
Douglas County 4-H.

www.holfair.com.

UW-Extension and 4-H do not manage the fair or website. *Provided for informational purposes only.*

33rd Superior Days

February 20 - 21, 2018

Save the date

Superior Days is an annual grassroots approach to community development in Northwest Wisconsin that has been actively engaged with elected officials and agency leaders in Madison since 1985. Superior Days helps bridge the distance that local residents feel geographically and politically from the southern half of the state.



32nd Superior Days youth delegates with (front row) Representative Milroy, Senator Bewley, and Representative Meyers.

www.SuperiorDays.com



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Douglas County Local Foods Website:
<https://fyi.uwex.edu/douglascountylocalfood/>

Support Team

Cheryl Shockley



Administrative Program Assistant

I love working for UW-Extension as a Program Support Specialist and have been with Extension for 6 years. I provide support assistance to all the educators in our office but focus on programs with 4-H and Family Living.

With 4-H, I enjoy talking and learning about our 4-H youth and adult leaders and helping them enroll in 4-H activities from the County Fair to science events. It is good to see them learning and practicing leadership in our community and watching them grow up. For Family Living, I call the women in Home Community and Education (HCE) clubs, "my ladies." They are a special group of women who engage in community involvement that makes Wisconsin a better place for all of us to live. They are interesting and fun to talk with, and I love going to their craft shows and seeing their beautiful quilts. I edit and publish their monthly newsletter and from that I learn lots of things they are doing in our county.

Virginia Leith



WNEP Program Assistant

I enjoy my position with the UW-Extension Nutrition Education Program because it enables me to provide people with information regarding healthy eating habits, info regarding cooking and supplying recipes. I also enjoy working with the staff members of the program and the other office staff personnel. Because I am retired from my full-time job, this works great for me as it is a part-time position, thus keeps me just busy enough.



A special thanks to Jeanne Ward who served as an Administrative Program Assistant. Jeanne provided critical support to UW-Extension programming that included Superior Days, forming the local Foods Group and website, and other support services. We wish you well in your new position at Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency.

2016 Local Foods — Photo Contest



First Place: Agriculture Life
Anna Robbins with 'Loving the Farm Boy Life'

First Place: Local Food
Mary Drobot with 'Home Canned Goods'

First Place: Flowers/Vegs
Sandra Breitzmann with 'There's a Bee in My Sunflower'

Second Place: Local Food
Sandra Breitzmann with 'Autumn Splendor'

Second Place: Flowers/Vegs
Janae Widiker with 'Buzzing Beauty'

Third Place: Local Food: Sandra Breitzmann with 'Farmers Market Peppers Aplenty'

Third Place: Flowers/Vegs
Polly's Peonies'

We would like to thank our partners. Our partners play many different roles, which may include: programming/educational, advocacy, and/or funding/grants. Regardless of their role, these partners are critical to our mission. Thank you for your support.

Aging Resource Center	Harbor House	Town of Bennett
American Society of Agronomy Certified Crop Advisors	HDC & Brighter Futures	Town of Brule
Amnicon Farmers Union	Head of the Lakes Fair	Town of Cloverland
Antipoverty Action Coalition (APAC)	Health Care Clinic	Town of Dairyland
Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX)	Home & Community Education (HCE)	Town of Gordon
Bartley Manor/Woodland Way	HRC-HDC	Town of Hawthorne
Bayfield County	Lake Superior Master Gardener Association	Town of Highland
Better City Superior	Leadership Superior/Douglas	Town of Lakeside
Boys & Girls Club	Literacy Council Superior/Douglas County	Town of Maple
Calumet Refinery	Maple School District	Town of Oakland
CASDA	Mariner Mall	Town of Parkland
Catholic Charities	MEEMIC	Town of Solon Springs
Citizens Bank	Meridian Group	Town of Summit
City of Superior	National Bank of Commerce	Town of Superior
City of Superior Parks and Municipal Forest Director	North Country Independent Living	Town of Wascott
City of Superior Ports & Economic Development Director	Northwest Community Services Agency	Twin Ports Inventors and Entrepreneurs
Community Food Systems Team	Northwest Journey	United Way
Community Foundation	Northwest Wisconsin CEP	University of Wisconsin - Superior
Cyclists of Gitchee Gumee Shores (COGGS)	Northwood High School	Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center
Department of Corrections	NW Regional Planning Commission	Village of Lake Nebagamon
Department of Workforce Development	NW Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board	Village of Oliver
Development Association	NWCESA	Village of Poplar
Douglas County	Organic Valley	Village of Solon Springs
Douglas County 4-H Local Chapters	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	Village of Superior
Douglas County Department of Human Services	Public Defenders Office	Walmart Foundation
Douglas County Local Foods Workgroup	Salvation Army	Wellness Committee, Superior School District
Douglas County Unit of Wisconsin Towns Association	SciGirls	Western Lake Superior Sanitary District
Entrepreneur Fund	Senior Connections	Whitetails Unlimited
Essentia Helath-Child & Teen Wellness Program	Sherriff's Department	Wisconsin Counties Association
Faith United Methodist Church	Solon Springs School District	Wisconsin Courts
Family Forum	Superior Business Improvement District	Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
Family Resource Council	Superior Choice Credit Union	Wisconsin Small Business Development Center at UW-Superior
Family Services Advisory Committee (FSA), Superior School District	Superior Days	Wisconsin Towns Association
Foster Grandparent program (Catholic Charities)	Superior Housing Authority	Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
Habitat for Humanity	Superior Public Library	Xcel Energy
	Superior Public Schools	
	Superior Savings Bank	
	Superior School District	
	Superior Water, Light, and Power	
	The Chamber Superior/Douglas County	
	Town of Amnicon	

Community Partners

To our friends, fellow learners, and community stakeholders:

As we take some time to reflect on 2016, we realize as a team that it definitely flew by! While the administration of UW-Extension was focused on planning for the future, the local team was focused on programming to meet the needs of Douglas County.

A couple of collaborative efforts need to be acknowledged. First, the creation of the Douglas County Local Foods Group. Second, a local foods website and a very active Facebook page were developed. This has been a collaborative effort with the community and a number of UW-Extension educators and disciplines that included Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, and FoodWise (formerly WNEP). Programming that included food trials for beets, tomatoes and other produce also occurred under local foods programming. It was exciting to see this launch and develop in 2016.

The 31st Superior Days also happened, an event that involved citizens from six counties, UW-Extension 4-H educators from many counties, and Community and Economic Development educators from Douglas and Bayfield Counties. This collaborative effort brought together varied interests to speak as one voice, in a civil and proactive manner in Madison. These are the types of events that the whole community and society can learn from, as we find ourselves in an increasingly divisive climate.

It was my honor to work with this team in Douglas County as their department head again. While we don't know what Cooperative Extension will look like in the coming months... we do know that there is a commitment to a county-level presence. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Douglas County into the future.

Sincerely,

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