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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Establish a Quorum ~ Roll Call

3. Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed

4. Public Comment (Maximum agenda item of 30 minutes with a maximum of five minutes per speaker)

5. Approve Minutes: March 10, 2021 Ag and Extension Education Committee

6. Correspondence

7. Educator / AED Reports
   A. 4-H Youth Development - Dawn VandeVoort (written)
   B. Area Extension Director – Judy Knudsen
   C. 2020 Annual Report

8. Financial Accounts / Voucher List

9. Next Regular Meeting: July 14, 2021, 3:30 pm

10. Meeting Per Diem Code: __________

11. Adjourn

Deviation from the order shown may occur

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Minutes of the
DOOR COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 3:30 pm
County Board Room, Government Center, Sturgeon Bay

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gauger at 3:34 p.m.

2. Roll call:
Supervisors: Extension Educators: Others Present:
Beth Gauger, Chair Dawn VandeVoort Ken Pabich, County Administrator
Vinni Chomeau
Kara Counard (excused)
Todd Thayse
Dale Vogel

3. Motion by Supervisor Thayse, seconded by Supervisor Vogel to approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

4. Public comment: None.

5. Approve Minutes: Motion by Supervisor Vogel, seconded by Supervisor Thayse to approve minutes of the January 13, 2021 Agriculture and Extension Education Committee. All voting aye. Motion carried.

6. Correspondence: Thank you from the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station for payment of $8,750.00 for professional horticulture consultation services provided by the station for period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

7. Educator / AED Reports:
4-H Youth Development – Dawn VandeVoort shared:
• 4-H Youth Development Educators received guidance from UW-Madison to expand number of participants at events beginning April 1, 2021.
• Continue to develop 4-H project kits for distribution to Door County families.
• 4-H Science Summit in partnership with UW-Madison Biotechnology Center has been a success with kits prepared by the Biotechnology Center which were distributed to participating youth.
• Involved with Extension 4-H Positive Youth Development colleagues in enhancing the “Helping Youth Thrive 4-H Thriving Model”. Project includes survey that was administered to two groups of youth in Door County.
• Assisted with multi-week pie making lesson with 4-H’ers across the state including a few from Door County.

Interim Area Extension Director – Judy Knudsen shared:
• Planning is well underway for Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days. County Administrator Pablich provided an update on this event.
• Offer for .5 FTE FoodWIse Nutrition Educator position has been made. Approval for Human Development & Relationships Educator position was received. Still waiting for word on the vacant Agricultural position. Governor Evers proposed $2 million to hire additional county agricultural educators.
• Thanked Supervisor Gauger for willingness to serve on Wisconsin Extension Association (WEXA) Board of Directors representing Area 4.


9. Approval of Year-End Carry-Over: Postage Allocation from State. Motion made by Supervisor Counard and seconded by Supervisor Vogel to approve carry-over. All voting aye. Motion carried.
10. Next meeting date: **Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 3:30 pm, Chambers Room.**

11. Meeting Per Diem Code: #310

12. Adjourn: Motion by Supervisor Thayse, second by Supervisor Vogel to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Judy Knudsen, Recording Secretary
Supporting 4-H Volunteers and 4-H Clubs:

- **Updated Program Guidance from UW-Madison:** During early March, our programming guidance shifted, allowing for slightly larger in-person gatherings with approval, and near the end of April we received the guidance for planning summer meetings and events. These changes to protocols required me to communicate the updates to volunteers and families. I also was part of a team of colleagues that helped draft the email communications that went out from the State 4-H program to volunteers. It has been critical to ensure that everyone understands the updated guidance and has the tools and resources to carry out safe and inclusive programs.

- **Door County Fair planning:** As we begin to think about summer programs and gatherings, we are also looking forward with a hopeful lens to the Door County Fair. Our 4-H members have been working on projects to exhibit, and I have been working with Sara Mueller, Fair Secretary, to think through the judging process to ensure it is a safe experience for our members, families, judges and volunteers. We know that many things may change between now and late-July, but our goal is to ensure that our youth have an opportunity to showcase their learning and skills.

Providing Educational Support to Families during COVID-19:

- **Easy as Pie 4-H SPIN Club:** In March, we wrapped up the 6-week Pie Club program that was offered statewide. The program was a great success, with many pies created and lots of skills learned! After the program was complete, we conducted a post-program evaluation to assess impacts:
  - This program engaged 88 families from 31 counties. A post-program evaluation was conducted at the completion of the program, with 48% of registered families responding.
  - Feedback from the pre- and post-test evaluations indicate that 100% of participants gained confidence, mastery, independence, and were “more comfortable” with baking pies on their own. This is important because, as documented in the 4-H Essential Elements, youth programs that engage independence, mastery, belonging and generosity provide foundations for life success.
  - What families liked best about this virtual 4-H program was that it “receive[ed] clear and prompt information from facilitators” (96% of responding families) and youth were “able to share and respond with various virtual interactive tools” (92% of responding families) promoting a strong sense of belonging. In addition, 100% of youth in responding families were able to identify how they will use the information or skills they learned through Pie Club, including such examples as “to become a youth leader in foods,” “cooking more meals for my family,” and “in my future for my culinary degree.”

- **Project Kits:** In an effort to continue promoting learning opportunities during the pandemic and to help offset the lack of project meetings in 4-H, we continue to create and offer At Home Project Learning Kits during March and April. We have been providing these kits with supplies and the 4-H educational curriculum to complete different projects (Roller Coaster Engineer, Duct Tape Crafts, Homemade Science, Cloverbuds, Photography, Aerospace, Woodworking, Magic of Electricity, Baking with Yeast, Homemade Soap/Spa and more). They continue to be popular with families, and we will continue offering them in the fall.
Outreach Programs

- **Working with FoodWise to Partner with Boys & Girls Club**: In March and April, Laura and Victoriano from FoodWise and I met with staff from the Boys & Girls Club to begin discussing summer and fall programs. We are looking at some gardening and cooking programs to supplement the offerings happening at their site.

- **Creating videos for the Summer Library Program to promote 4-H & county fair**: This summer’s Library Program theme is “Tails and Tales” and I have been invited to collaborate again with our library branches on their summer offerings. During April, I started working on creation of some video clips featuring interviews with 4-H members that exhibit in the animal projects at the County Fair. We will be creating one big promotional video that will be used in late-July to encourage summer readers to learn more about 4-H and attend the fair to meet our 4-H members. I anticipate the video will also be able to be used to promote 4-H in the fall.

Sharing Programs/Research with Colleagues:

- During March and April, I worked with colleagues across the state to prepare for sharing our experiences and data around the 4-H Thriving Model evaluation tool. We have two opportunities to share in May:
  - **Wisconsin JCEP Conference presentation**: This presentation will be shared with our Wisconsin Extension colleagues and will focus on what we have learned as evaluators of our programs through the pilot of the 4-H Thriving Model evaluation tool.
  - **National Positive Youth Development Academy presentation**: This presentation will be given at the National 4-H Positive Youth Development Academy on Wednesday, May 12th. We will be sharing the results of our pilot process and how Wisconsin is using this information to improve the quality of our 4-H programs.

Professional Development:

- **National Extension Conference on Volunteerism**: Every two years, Extension colleagues from across the country and over all program areas gather for the National Extension Conference on Volunteerism. I have attended this conference twice in the past, and this year’s conference was scaled back and moved to an online format. The new 2-day virtual format allowed for more participation by colleagues and included a keynote speaker each day and several poster sessions and lightning talks. I enjoyed attending this conference to learn more about volunteer trends and examples of how other states support and develop volunteers within their programs. I was able to attend the conference using Professional Development funds within our office budget (the conference was only $50 for the 2-day format – typically it is over $250 for the in-person version).
Mission Statement
UW-Madison Division of Extension extends the knowledge and resources of the University of Wisconsin to people where they live and work.

Summary of Responsibilities
UW-Madison Division of Extension – Door County designs and delivers educational programs based on the needs of the county. At the end of 2020 Extension educational programs are being offered in the following areas: 1) 4-H Youth Development; 2) Agricultural – Crops and Soils and 3) Human Development and Relationships. Also housed within the Extension-Door County office is FoodWIse. Within these broad areas, professional educators align themselves with specialists from the University of Wisconsin system to deliver unbiased research-based educational programs based on the needs of the county.

Extension-Door County also has unique partnerships with the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station (PARS) and the Extension-Kewaunee County office. The PARS staff help provide fruit outreach educational services to Door and Kewaunee County’s commercial fruit growers. This collaboration between PARS and Door and Kewaunee County is implemented in a Memorandum of Understanding. Door and Kewaunee County’s Extension also have specialized their agricultural educator positions, the Door County position provides crop and soil expertise, whereas the Kewaunee County position provides dairy and livestock expertise to residents of both counties.

The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee (AEEC) is responsible for supervision of Extension programming, as specified in Wisconsin Statute 59.56. In a collaborative effort, the AEEC and professional educators work together to fulfill the mission of UW-Extension. The committee is comprised of Supervisor Beth Gauger-Chair, Supervisor Vinni Chomeau-Vice Chair, Supervisor Kara Counard, Supervisor Todd Thayse and Supervisor Dale Vogel.

OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES ACHIEVED IN 2020

Department Head / Area 12 Extension Director – Door/Kewaunee/Manitowoc - Rob Burke (January-September 2020)
Interim Department Head / Area 12 Extension Director – Judy Knudsen (Sept.-Dec. 2020)

Objective: In collaboration with the county, develop a 2021 budget and execute a contract for co-funded educator positions.

Outcome: The objective was achieved and completed in December 2020.
4-H Youth Development – Dawn VandeVoort

Objectives
- Increase 4-H Youth Development opportunities and presence in the community.
- Expand 4-H Youth Development programming within the county utilizing new delivery models and approaches.
- Support Community Youth Development in the county through outreach, participation in coalitions and developing new partnerships.

Outcomes
This year held a lot of promise for new youth development programs, and increased opportunities connected to the 4-H program. We worked hard in 2020 to pivot and provide opportunities to continue the hands-on learning that 4-H is known for and share University resources with youth and families. No matter the delivery model, in 2020, 4-H provided quality learning and connecting experiences for youth across Door County.

Supporting the 4-H Youth Development Program:
The Door County 4-H Community Club program remains a quality youth development organization in the community. In 2020, there were 159 members and 52 leaders enrolled in 4-H Community Clubs. There are seven 4-H community clubs in Door County (3 in Southern Door, 1 in Sturgeon Bay, 2 in Northern Door, 1 on Washington Island). Additional members are reached through Outreach Programs (SD Afterschool, Boys & Girls Club programs, STEM & Project kits); an additional 75 contacts were made through those outreach programs in 2020.

Outreach & Expanding Access:
- Afterschool Programming at Southern Door Elementary: At the beginning of 2020, I taught a series of hands-on STEM learning. We explored the science of boats and made large cardboard boats to test. During the 6 weeks, students studied the characteristics of boats and what makes them float (shape, size, materials). Their capstone project was to design and create a cardboard boat for their team to float at the YMCA pool. Teams tested their boats and shared what they learned about qualities of a boat.

- Boys & Girls Club Spring Programming: During February, I worked on creating a series of STEM lessons for the afterschool program at the Boys and Girls Club. I was able to deliver 3 lessons at the club before the COVID-19 outbreak began. During those three weeks, we learned about how bacteria grows and where it is found and then learned about proper handwashing techniques. Club members swabbed common surfaces at the Club and then we watched the bacteria grow in petri dishes for a week. At the completion of the analysis, we talked about why it is so important to wash our hands thoroughly during cold and flu season so we don’t spread germs and get sick. (Who would have known that handwashing would have become such the hot topic a few weeks later?)

- Development of a Face Covering Sewing Lesson Plan – With the need for face masks and the vast amount of patterns out there, 4-H was looking for a resource to share with their members and families to help in this community project that was youth-friendly and provided reflection opportunities. I was asked to help in the development of a lesson plan that details how to make a basic fabric face mask, complete with photos to show the steps, reflection questions and information to help families connect with organizations in their local communities. The lesson plan was based on a pattern that Joann Fabrics shared on their website. I worked with our Educational Resources Specialist to adapt and create the lesson, have it reviewed, and format it in the 4-H.
Lesson Plan visual template. The lesson and accompanying materials are were reviewed by the Extension COVID-19 Program Response Team and were shared on their website (https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/cloth-face-coverings/). The lesson plan was also shared on the National 4-H website (https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/extension-resources/)

Programming in a Box:
• **At-Home Learning kits:** With families sheltering at home, and not having access to extra supplies, I created Project Kits and Activity Kits for youth to keep learning. Many of the kits are based off of lesson or activity plans that I have helped author or curriculum that Wisconsin has created. Each of the kits comes complete with most, if not all the supplies a family would need to complete them. I have created 10 different activity kits that are related to art, science, problem solving, critical thinking and creativity. I have been promoting these kits on Facebook and through emails to 4-H families. A total of 25 kits were sent out to families across Door County.

• **Cloverbud & Summer Camp in a Box:** Creating “camp in a box” was a successful way to reach youth during the summer months and provide a safe at-home experience. Summer Camp in Box and Cloverbud Day Camp kits included activities that are similar to what we would do at our in-person summer camps – craft activities, nature exploration, a 4-H water bottle, glow sticks, supplies and instructions to make homemade ice cream (using a single-serve coffee creamer) and camp favorite – s’mores. A total of 20 kits were made and distributed.

• **Explore 4-H:** Our Explore 4-H Project was a great success this fall, and will be a model for us to use in 2021. In place of an in-person 4-H promotion event or New Family Night, we held a virtual 6-week exploration series. Six families from Door County participated with families from Brown and Kewaunee County. Each week included information about 4-H (history, 4-H pledge, info about 4-H) along with a hands-on project that we delivered via Zoom. The project was a great way to introduce families to 4-H and provide some hands-on learning. I taught two of the six sessions; making basic yeast bread in a zip lock bag and popsicle stick catapults. I really enjoyed engaging with the families in the learning experiences and promoting what makes 4-H great!

Supporting Volunteers & Volunteer Development:
• **Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation:** I have been part of a team of 4-H Youth Development colleagues working on adapting the current Volunteers in Preparation orientation training into an online format to increase access for potential volunteers. We have adapted the presentation materials and incorporated online learning techniques to ensure it is interactive and engaging for volunteers to learn about Extension and volunteering in our organization. In 2020, our team of colleagues taught other 4-H Youth Development staff in Wisconsin how to facilitate the training through zoom (prior to the pandemic), which came in quite helpful during the pandemic. Our work continues as we work on creating modules out of the larger training to make it easier for volunteers to complete the training requirement.

• **Annual 4-H Leader Training:** I am a member of the 4-H Annual Leader Training Team. We create a training that is open to all 4-H volunteers to participate in during a particular year. This year, we created a training series that included 3 webinars where youth and adult volunteers could learn more about the Three Parts of a 4-H Meeting and how that translates to in-person, virtual or hybrid delivery models. The webinars were very interactive and allowed for a lot of sharing ideas and discussion on different options. During each of the three webinars, we had around 300-350 volunteers attend and learn with us. Videos are posted online for viewing on demand for volunteers:
• Annual Leader Training: Recreation/Laughing in a 4-H Club or Group
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szr3TTV2ZnE
• Annual Leader Training: Business/Leading in a 4-H Club or Group
  https://youtu.be/q_Dkl5_FVFQ
• Annual Leader Training: Education/Learning in a 4-H Club or Group
  https://youtu.be/67VU8dQv_VY

• *Clover Connections Videos*: To supplement the larger Annual Leader Training, our team also created shorter, timely videos that could be viewed on demand by volunteers. These topics were identified by volunteers as things they needed help with. During 2020, our team created several Clover Connections videos and posted them on the Extension YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/BlgIIjfztQo

**Awards**

- Wisconsin Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals – Educational Package (team) – Wisconsin Cloverbud Curriculum package

**Grants Received**

- Marine Travelift - Donation – 4-H Programs - $1,200
- Raibrook Foundation – 4-H Dog Learning Lab Kit

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**Agriculture – Crops and Soils – Position Vacant in 2020**

**Human Development & Relationships – Position Vacant in 2020**

- Distributed 1,284 *Parenting the First Year and Parenting the Second & Third Year* newsletters to families throughout Door County.

**Grants Received**

- Sturgeon Bay Kiwanis - Donation-Parenting Newsletters - $200

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**FoodWise – Door County**

- Laura Apfelbeck, Coordinator, 1.0 FTE serving Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties. Imelda Delchambre, Bilingual Nutrition Educator, (0.5-Jan.-Oct.; retired Nov. 1), serving Door and Kewaunee Counties.

*FoodWise is federally funded by the Supplemental nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-ED) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). We advance healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for Wisconsin residents with limited incomes through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels.*

**Objectives**

- Improved Access: FoodWise will collaborate with two community partners to improve the access of affordable fruits and vegetables for families eligible for SNAP-ed.
- PSE Change: Document at least one partnership project resulting in a policy, system or environmental (pse) change to improve healthy food environments.
• Advance Healthy Eating Habits: At least 50% of program participants will report intent to eat more fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and consume fewer sugar-sweetened beverages.
• Encourage active lifestyles, particularly for low-income rural people without access to fitness centers.

Outcomes
• Improved Access & PSE Change: Worked with Master Gardeners, Door County Facilities & Recreation, and Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Door County to secure $2500 in grant funds to double the size of their on-site vegetable garden, designed to improve the healthy food environment by making fresh produce easily accessible at low cost on site. Although COVID-19 prevented us from fully implementing the project, we submitted a follow-up grant application for 2021, with a goal of on-site nutrition education to accompany the garden programming and outreach to Spanish-speaking seniors.
• Active Lifestyles: Introduced Strong Bodies, a low-impact exercise program specifically designed to meet the needs of older adults. Shifted to virtual classes post-pandemic. Based on surveys conducted state wide, participants thought the biggest benefit of the virtual program was the ability to exercise/build strength and flexibility, followed by being motivated to exercise, improving balance, and improving overall health. 52% of participants thought the virtual StrongBodies program was very important or extremely important to keeping them socially connected. (6 Door County residents piloted the program.)
• Advance Healthy Eating Habits: Taught nutrition education classes at four low-income senior meal sites aiming to address participants’ healthy eating habits. However, in-person lessons ended in March 2020 due to Coronavirus pandemic so most seniors had only participated in one lesson of a 4-lesson series.

Door County has seen a 16% increase in Food Share participation since the start of the pandemic. After March 16, 2020, FoodWIse priorities shifted from in-person direct education to indirect education and other health-related efforts, including these:
• Collaborated with the Door County United Way and USDA Farmers to Families program (serving 500 families per week) to provide recipes for healthy but unfamiliar foods (such as collard greens, yams) and COVID-related food safety tips to be included with all distributions in order to allow families to fully utilize provided food.
• Worked with Hispanic Resource Center of Door & Kewaunee County to distribute Spanish-language resources and reliable information related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
• Shared influenza vaccine information, including weekly reminders and flyers in Spanish and English suitable for print or web sites, with ADRC, United Way, Door Co. school districts, and others through the Healthy Door County coalition.
• Sturgeon Bay Farmers Market has discontinued the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) which allowed for processing Food Share dollars as well as its double bucks incentive for low-income families. Currently working with a team to find a new sponsor for the EBT program.

UW-Madison Division of Extension Door County
Goals in 2021:

Area 12 Extension Director – 2021 Goals
• Support county educators allowing them to be effective in their educational programming.
• Work with the County to develop a 2021 Budget.
• Look for opportunities to market Extension programs and communicate impact.
• Conduct search/hire processes to hire a FoodWIse Educator working in Door and Kewaunee Counties and work with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension to determine best way to deliver agricultural programming.

**Human Development & Relationships – 2021 Goals**
- Continue county-wide distribution of the *Parenting the First Year and Parenting the Second & Third Year Newsletters*, in order for families to receive convenient age-based information on child development and parenting. Work to increase grant support for these newsletters.
- Contingent on funding conduct a Search/Hire process for a Human Development and Relationships Educator.
- Develop an initial plan of work, with county and stakeholder input.

**4-H Youth Development – 2021 Goals**
- Work with our Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development state staff to pilot alternative delivery models for sharing the 4-H Youth Development program with more youth, especially diverse and underserved populations.
- Develop and pilot an online version of our Extension Volunteers in Preparation Training.
- Promote 4-H Youth Development in the county and expand 4-H Youth Development offerings to new audiences.

**Agriculture – 2021 Goals**
- Continue good working relationship with the PARS research station.
- Conduct a Search/Hire process for a new Agriculture Educator (Crops and Soils Focus).
- Develop an initial plan of work, with county and stakeholder input.

**FoodWIse - Door County – 2021 Goals**
FoodWIse is currently in the process of recruiting and hiring a .5FTE position serving Door and Kewaunee Counties. Assuming we fill the position, successful onboarding will be an important goal for 2021. With this in mind,
- The SNAP-Ed goal is to improve the likelihood that persons eligible for SNAP will make healthy food choices within a limited budget and choose physically active lifestyles. FoodWIse will identify partners with whom we can work together to better meet the needs of underserved audiences.
- Meet with current and potential partners to discuss opportunities for new or expanded FoodWIse programming.
- Support programs that make healthy foods more accessible and affordable.
- Build relationships to identify potential partnerships, unmet needs, issues, and audiences.
Healthy Choices, Healthy Lives

FoodWIse is federally funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). We advance healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for Wisconsin residents with limited incomes through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels.

The Challenge

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the food security of Door County residents due to income and job loss, as well as significant changes in local, regional, and national food systems. Based on increases in Door County residents participating in FoodShare and federal Pandemic EBT benefits, we see a greater need for members of our community in accessing food that is healthy, safe, and affordable. FoodWIse educators support our community by providing education on how families can stretch their food dollars in these difficult times and continue to put healthy meals on the table in their homes.

Door County has seen a 16% increase in Food Share participation since the start of the pandemic.

Community IMPACTS

- Introduced Strong Bodies, a low-impact exercise program specifically designed to meet the needs of older adults.
- Worked with the Door County Facilities & Recreation and Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Door County to expand their on-site vegetable garden.
- Partnered with United Way of Door County to include food safety tips, recipes, and coronavirus information to accompany weekly food distributions through the USDA Farmers to Families program.
- Worked with Hispanic Resource Center of Door & Kewaunee County to distribute Spanish-language resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Taught nutrition education classes at four low-income senior meal sites.

ACHIEVING MORE TOGETHER

UW-Madison Division of Extension works alongside the people of Wisconsin to deliver practical educational programs where people live and work – on the farm, in schools and throughout urban and rural communities. In Door County, FoodWIse partners with Aging and Disability Resource Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Hispanic Resource Center, Sturgeon Bay Senior Center and local food pantries to help make the healthy choice the easy choice in our communities.
Reaching Door County’s Most Vulnerable Populations

FoodWIse bilingual nutrition educator Imelda Delchambre—who retired this year—worked closely with regional food pantries serving LatinX families employed in Door County’s hotel and restaurant industries.

When the pandemic began, local partners noted that LatinX families were not coming to use community resources. Food pantry managers reached out to FoodWIse to help contact these families to explain safety protocols during COVID-19 and safety measures food pantry shoppers were taking.

Through the calls, FoodWIse learned that Spanish-speaking families were receiving some invalid information about health, safety, and their ability to safely leave home. Some families even expressed fear of being stopped by officers if they ventured out for food.

Imelda called the sheriff’s office to determine if there was any truth behind such fears. She was then able to call the Spanish-speaking families to explain the fear was unfounded. Without this intervention, many families would likely not leave home, even to access food.

Increasing Salad Intake Through New Gardens at ADRC

Sturgeon Bay Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) senior meal site has long been a FoodWIse partner for on-site nutrition education. In January, FoodWIse, ADRC and Master Gardeners submitted and received grant funding through Growing Together, WI to double the size of the existing vegetable garden.

In summer 2020, ADRC and Master Gardeners collaborated with Door County Facilities and Parks Department to build additional raised beds accessible to those with limited mobility. The gardens will be used for educational purposes and to supplement the ADRC salad bar.

The new gardens will increase production, garden exercise, and nutrition education. No programming has yet been offered due to COVID-19 imposed restrictions on group activities.

Goals for 2021 are multifaceted. The Growing Together, WI project directly benefits 250 seniors weekly who eat at the Sturgeon Bay ADRC meal site. Any excess produce will be donated to Turning Point, JAK’s Place, or Lakeshore CAP food pantry. Increased outreach to Sturgeon Bay’s LatinX community is an integral part of the programming plan.

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## DOOR COUNTY AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION COMMITTEE  
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