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# OCTOBER 2007 ACTIVITIES

## AGRICULTURE

### *Volatile Corn Prices*

The price of corn has been volatile, to say the least, over the past year. Corn went into harvest last year with a starting price of \$1.80/bu, which quickly went to \$2.00, then to \$2.60, and then to more than \$3.50 per bushel. This summer the market came back down to \$2.60, but as we go into harvest, we are back above \$3.00. Many producers have decided to grow more corn as a result. Unfortunately, when we grow corn-on-corn for multiple years without rotating, we can run into increased disease pressure and other pest problems. Paul Esker, University of Wisconsin-Extension Field Crops Pathologist, will be on hand to talk about the steps producers should take if they intend to continue to grow corn in the rotation for multiple years before they rotate out. Kevin Jarek, University of Wisconsin-Extension Crops, Soils, & Horticulture, agent will discuss the effect of planting speed on final populations and corn yield. The event will take place on the Oneida Nation Farm on Thursday, October 18 beginning at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact the University of Wisconsin-Extension office at 832-5119.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### *“Sustainability Corner” Launched*

Hardly a day goes by that there isn't an article on sustainable or green issues in the popular press. UW-Extension aims not only to bring a scientific, research-based perspective to these issues, but also to help families and communities find practical solutions to everyday environmental problems. Take a minute to look at the new Sustainability Corner webpage at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/outagamie/Sustainability3.htm>. We list upcoming events, tools you can use, and outside resources – all for a better quality of life. Two events of note include the Green Home Living Fair and Solar Tour of Homes on October 6, and the workshop A Sustainable Fox Valley – Building a Sustainable Community Through the Natural Step Approach on November 3. The latter event is especially relevant for elected and appointed local government officials. No Internet access? Call 832-5122 for more information on these events.

## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### *4-H Afterschool Partnership*

4-H Afterschool in Outagamie County is a partnership between the Appleton Area School District and other community-based organizations designed to improve the quality and quantity of afterschool programs. Outagamie County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development staff currently work with four elementary schools and one middle school; each have a significant portion of low-income and ethnic minority students. As 4-H Youth Development staff, we help afterschool program staff and volunteers improve their ability to offer high quality care, education and developmental experiences for youth. We also work with teens, adult volunteers and afterschool staff to adapt 4-H curriculum and share 4-H project skills with youth involved in afterschool programs.

***Volunteers Needed:** The UW-Extension staff is currently seeking teen and adult volunteers to assist in leading 4-H Afterschool activities at Appleton's Lincoln, Foster, and Columbus Elementary Schools. Volunteers will assist in leading a six part series called Explore 4-H. The Program focuses on developing basic leadership skills while exploring a variety of 4-H projects – including, arts and crafts, nutrition, rocketry, leathercraft and plant science. 4-H Afterschool programs typically run 3:45 p.m. until 4:45 p.m., one to two days per week.*

## FAMILY LIVING

### *Money Smart Week*

Money, Money, Money.... October is truly a month revolving around financial education. Money Smart Week will be held October 7 to 13 throughout the State of Wisconsin. In the Fox Valley, a group of financial institutions have gathered together to offer money programs all week. The culmination will be “The Money Conference” to be held on Saturday, October 13 at Fox Valley Technical College. Family Living Educator, Karen Dickrell will be teaching two sessions at the conference: one on Identity Theft and a second workshop entitled “More Month than Money.” In addition, two different money management workshops will be offered in October by UW-Extension to VIOS and Probation and Parole clientele. For more information on the Money Smart Week, go to [www.moneysmartWI.org](http://www.moneysmartWI.org).

# MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

## October 2007

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE	AGENTS
10/01/07	8:30 a.m.	All Staff Meeting	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	All Staff
10/01/07	5:45 p.m.	Parent Support Group	Richmond Elementary	Dickrell
10/01/07	6:30 p.m.	Nichols Advancement Assoc Futuring	Nichols Veterans Hall	Resick
10/02/07	7:00 a.m.	Waupaca 4-H Record Books	Black Creek Elementary	Spaulding
10/02/07	9:00 a.m.	HCE Newsletter Meeting	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Dickrell
10/02/07	3:30 p.m.	4-H Afterschool Program	Foster Elementary	Andrews
10/02/07	5:00 p.m.	Bridging Hmong American Cable Show	Time Warner Cable	Thao-Vang, Dickrell
10/03/07	12:00 p.m.	Commenzando Bien	Fox Cities Community Clinic	Shoemaker
10/03/07	7:30 p.m.	4-H Resource Leader Recognition	River Rail, Shiocton	Baum, Spaulding
10/04/07	7:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Budget Review	County Admin Building	Dickrell
10/04/07	8:00 a.m.	Fiber Fitness	Appleton WIC	Thao-Vang
10/04/07	9:00 a.m.	The Natural Step and Comp Planning	ECWRPC Office	Resick
10/04/07	1:00 p.m.	Celebrate Traditions	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Dickrell
10/04/07	4:00 p.m.	4-H Pumpkin and Sunflower Contest	Center Town Hall	Baum
10/04/07	6:00 p.m.	Master Gardener Executive Board Meeting	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Jarek
10/04/07	6:30 p.m.	Energy Coalition for a Sustainable Fox Valley – "End of Suburbia"	Menasha Public Library	Resick
10/05/07	11:30 a.m.	MoneySmart Kick Off Event	Appleton Public Library	Dickrell
10/05/07	1:00 p.m.	Money Management – VIOS	County Admin Building	Dickrell
10/06/07	8:30 a.m.	Solar Tour of Homes and Green Home Living Fair	Departure: Valley Home Builders Association	Resick
10/06/07	9:00 a.m.	WAFCS Board Meeting	TBA	Dickrell
10/06/07	10:00 a.m.	Garden Registration	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Richardson
10/07/07		National 4-H Week begins		Baum
10/08/07	1:30 p.m.	Fiber Fitness	Appleton WIC	Shoemaker
10/08/07	5:45 p.m.	Parent Support Group	Richmond Elementary	Dickrell
10/08/07	6:30 p.m.	Dale Area Leaders and Entrepreneurs	Dale Town Hall	Resick
10/09/07	8:00 a.m.	Emotional Intelligence	TBA	Shoemaker
10/09/07	8:30 a.m.	Extension Education Committee	Highway Department	Dickrell, Resick, Kramer
10/09/07	1:00 p.m.	Supervisory Meeting	Maintenance Department	Dickrell
10/09/07	2:00 p.m.	Community Garden Partnership Steering Committee Meeting	Salvation Army	Richardson
10/09/07	2:00 p.m.	Money Conference Planning	Bordini Center	Dickrell
10/09/07	7:30 p.m.	4-H Club Visit and Program	Black Creek Library	Spaulding
10/09/07	8:30 p.m.	Holstein Breeders Board	Dean Seitz Farm, Seymour	Miller
10/10/07	8:00 a.m.	Community Health Improvement	Center Town Hall	Dickrell
10/10/07	9:00 a.m.	Fiber Fitness	Appleton Public Health	Thao-Vang
10/10/07	10:00 a.m.	WI Farm Technology Days Planning Meeting	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Miller, Jarek
10/10/07	12:00 p.m.	Commenzando Bien	Fox Cities Community Clinic	Shoemaker
10/10/07	1:00 p.m.	Fiber Fitness	Appleton WIC	Thao-Vang
10/10/07	1:00 p.m.	ADHOC Mentoring Teleconference	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Dickrell
10/10/07	6:00 p.m.	4-H Outreach	Harbor House	Spaulding
10/11/07		North Central 4-H Leader Forum begins	Milwaukee	Baum
10/11/07	7:30 a.m.	Creating Healthy Kids Beverage Committee Meeting.	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Kramer
10/11/07	8:00 a.m.	Fiber Fitness	Salvation Army	Thao-Vang
10/11/07	10:30 a.m.	Department Head Meeting	County Admin Building	Dickrell
10/11/07	1:00 p.m.	Children Caught in the Middle	County Admin Building	Dickrell
10/11/07	6:00 p.m.	Better Kid Care	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Dickrell
10/12/07	7:00 a.m.	AASD Personal Financial Literacy	Appleton North High School	Dickrell
10/12/07	1:00 p.m.	Money Management - VIOS	County Admin Building	Dickrell
10/13/07	7:30 a.m.	Manufacturer of the Year Site Visits	Fox Cities Chamber office	Resick
10/13/07	9:00 a.m.	Money Conference	FVTC	Dickrell
10/13/07	10:00 a.m.	4-H Day	Building for Kids	Spaulding

10/15/07	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting and RBC	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	All Staff
10/15/07	1:00 p.m.	Land Use Summit with ECWRPC and VHBA	Valley Home Builders Association	Resick
10/15/07	1:00 p.m.	Dean's Visit	County Admin Building	Dickrell
10/15/07	1:00 p.m.	Breast Feeding	Appleton WIC	Shoemaker
10/15/07	3:30 p.m.	APPPA	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Dickrell
10/15/07	5:45 p.m.	Parent Support Group	Richmond Elementary	Dickrell
10/16/07	9:00 a.m.	Fiber Fitness	St. Joseph Food Pantry	Thao-Vang
10/16/07	10:00 a.m.	Support Staff Meeting	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Dickrell
10/16/07	11:00 a.m.	WEAFCS Member Resources	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Dickrell
10/16/07	1:00 p.m.	Fiber Fitness	Appleton WIC	Thao-Vang
10/16/07	3:30 p.m.	4-H Afterschool Program	Foster Elementary	Andrews
10/16/07	5:00 p.m.	Bridging Hmong American	Time Warner Cable	Dickrell
10/16/07	7:00 p.m.	4-H Member Recognition	Seymour High School	Baum, Spaulding
10/16/07	7:00 p.m.	Aquatic Invasive Species Public Forum	Menasha Library	Resick
10/17/07	11:30 a.m.	Green Drinks Eco Group	Riverview Country Club	Richardson
10/17/07	3:00 p.m.	4-H Afterschool Program	Horizons	Spaulding
10/18/07	7:15 a.m.	United Way	Goodwill Industries	Dickrell
10/18/07	7:45 a.m.	Community Foundation	Community Foundation	Dickrell
10/18/07	9:00 a.m.	Hmong American Partnership Meeting	Hmong American Partnership Office	Dickrell, Kramer, Thao-Vang
10/18/07	9:00 a.m.	Fiber Fitness	St. Joseph Food Pantry	Shoemaker
10/18/07	10:00 a.m.	Corn Production Field Day	Oneida Nation Farms	Jarek
10/18/07	11:30 a.m.	4-H Noon Hour Program	Lincoln Elementary	Spaulding
10/18/07	1:00 p.m.	Big Half Day Event (County Training)	Michael's	Dickrell
10/18/07	6:00 p.m.	Master Gardener General Meeting and Potluck	Gardens of the Fox Cities	Jarek
10/18/07	8:00 p.m.	Forage Council Board Meeting	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Jarek
10/19/07	8:00 a.m.	Community Gardens	Goodwill Industries	Dickrell
10/19/07	8:00 a.m.	Community Garden Partnership Steering Committee Meeting	Goodwill Industries	Richardson
10/19/07	1:15 p.m.	Money Management	Probation and Parole Office	Dickrell
10/20/07		4-H Arts Camp Begins	Upham Woods, WI Dells	Baum
10/20/07	8:00 a.m.	Harvest to Home Potluck	St. Bernard	Richardson
10/20/07	10:00 a.m.	Harvest to Home: Food Preservation and Freezing	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Dickrell
10/20/07	5:00 p.m.	4-H Outreach	McKinley Elementary	Spaulding
10/22/07	5:45 p.m.	Parent Support Group	Richmond Elementary	Dickrell
10/23/07	3:30 p.m.	4-H Afterschool Program	Foster Elementary	Andrews
10/23/07	6:00 p.m.	4-H Horse Association Board Meeting	River Rail, Shiocton	Baum
10/23/07	7:00 p.m.	4-H Horse Association Recognition	River Rail, Shiocton	Baum
10/24/07	12:00 p.m.	Commenzando Bien	Fox Cities Community Clinic	Shoemaker
10/24/07	5:30 p.m.	4-H Outreach	Salvation Army	Spaulding
10/25/07	8:00 a.m.	Fiber Fitness	Salvation Army	Thao-Vang
10/25/07	12:00 p.m.	Fox Cities Economic Development Partnership	Grand Chute Town Hall	Resick
10/25/07	3:00 p.m.	WNEP Coordinator Wisline	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Kramer
10/25/07	5:30 p.m.	4-H Outreach	B.A.B.E.S.	Spaulding
10/26/07	1:15 p.m.	Money Management	Probation and Parole Office	Dickrell
10/29/07	5:30 p.m.	HCE Fall Association Meeting	Nichols Community Hall	Dickrell
10/29/07	7:00 p.m.	4-H Youth Leader Recognition Activity	Center Town Hall	Baum
10/29/07	7:00 p.m.	Wisconsin Towns Association County Unit	Black Creek Town Hall	Resick
10/30/07	8:00 a.m.	WNEP Staff Meeting	UW-Extension, Brewster St.	Kramer, Thao-Vang, Shoemaker
10/30/07	9:00 a.m.	Logic Model Citizen Review Panel	Liberty Hall	Dickrell
10/30/07	12:00 p.m.	Skidsteer Training Bilingual	Green Leaf Landscaping	Miller
10/30/07	3:30 p.m.	4-H Afterschool Program	Foster Elementary	Andrews
10/30/07	5:00 p.m.	Bridging Hmong American	Time Warner Cable	Dickrell
10/30/07	7:30 p.m.	Sustainability Lecture Series	Lawrence University	Resick
10/31/07	12:30 p.m.	HICA	Child Care Resource and Referral	Dickrell, Andrews