

THE ONEIDA OBSERVER

A UW-EXTENSION MONTHLY UPDATE

COMMUNITY RESOURCES BY MYLES ALEXANDER



Oneida County Mining

Most of my time from now to the November election and Oneida County referendum on mining is devoted to the mining issue education initiative. I am working closely with Stacey Johnson at Oneida County Economic Development Corporation. Beginning in July, I led writing the plan. I recruited people to the issue mapping day-long meeting on August 28th and to be technical advisors. I designed and facilitated the issue mapping meeting. Fourteen people attended and we ended the day with a wall of topics of concern to address, notes about the detailed relationships in each cluster, and priorities. The focus areas are:

- Actively listen [to the people for] priority topics
- Explain zoning in terms of mining in the county
- Environmental impacts
- Economic and social impact benefits
- What the people and the county can't do
- What the people and the county (and other government entities) can do
- Define the language (legal) and roles of government and non-government entities
- Transparency - stick to the facts, be neutral
- Monitor risks to OCEDC and UW Extension, to Stacey and Myles

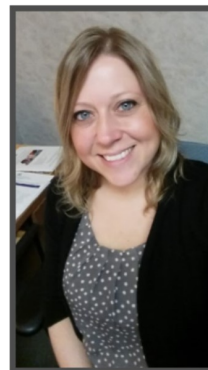
Since we use "mining issues" or similar phrases, I thought it would be good to define what we mean by "issue." As the issue mapping group learned a brainstorming method they defined issue, "a challenging topic of concern we want to address."

For more information on the mining issue and the Town of Lynn mineral deposit, go to: <http://www.co.oneida.wi.gov/section.asp?linkid=1863&locid=135>.

HELATH & WELL-BEING BY SARA RICHIE

Strengthening Families Program Starting!

I will be facilitating the Strengthening Families program again with the Oneida County Public Health Department. This will be the fourth time the program has ran in Oneida County. This fall's program will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua. Strengthening Families 10-14 will start on Monday, September 24th and will go through November 5th—we meet weekly on Monday nights. We will start each night at 5:30pm with a family meal, then at 6pm we will break into separate groups—parents in one room and youth in another for an hour of learning. After the first hour, the two groups will merge and there will be family programming for the last hour. Families will learn skills and strategies to help strengthen their relationships, deal with difficult situations using love and limits. Youth will also practice ways to approach peer pressure, learn about responsibility and consequences. This is a hands on program with FUN learning experiences for the whole family. Free childcare also available for children not old enough for the program.



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**4-H PROGRAM COORDINATOR
BY ANDREA RIPPLEY**

Welcome our new 4-H Coordinator: Andrea Rippley

Hello Everyone! My name is Andrea Rippley, and I am the new Price and Oneida County 4-H Program Coordinator. Some background on me I am from Arcadia WI were I was involved in my county's 4-H program since 2005. I have done everything from show multiple species at our county fair to participate in many of the trips that are offered. During my time as a 4-H'er I also was involved in my counties Youth Council.



I have worked with two different counties as an intern and a Summer Assistant. During the summer of 2016, I was the Buffalo County 4-H Youth and Development Summer Intern. While in my home county I worked with STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) and STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) activities.

In May 2017, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Platteville with a degree in Agriculture Education Non-Teaching. After graduation I was the summer assistant in Sauk County. I hope to bring my experiences from both counties along with new ideas!

I am so excited to meet everyone and start creating programs. Since I am still figuring out which county I will be in and when, I will include my email. If you have any questions or just want to say hi feel free to email me at andrea.ripple@ces.uwex.edu. I look forward to working with everyone!



**FOODWISE
BY KARLY HARRISON**



Food Drive 5

FoodWise and Rhinelander Area Food Pantry have partnered to develop a “Food Drive 5” campaign for Oneida County. The campaign will promote the donations of healthful food items to the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. The pantry currently receives approximately 20% of its food from community donations. This campaign will ask that community members please donate the following food items: protein foods such as nuts, canned seafood and poultry, fruits packed in 100% juice or dried, soups with protein and vegetables, whole grain pastas and cereals, and colorful vegetables. We also ask that the community donates low-sodium options and checks expiration dates before donating to the pantry. As well as working to create educational resources for donors to the food pantry, FoodWise has provided 20 nutrition lessons to food pantry clients during the months of July-September. Nutrition lessons occurred during distribution hours and focused on increasing fruit, vegetable, and whole grain consumption. Nutrition educator, Terri Lindner, taught clients how to use foods available at the pantry to create healthy, well balanced meals and snacks. She was also able to promote the use of fresh fruits and vegetables donated from the community garden, and educate clients on how to properly prepare and store items they were unfamiliar with using.

Keep an eye out for the “Food Drive 5” logo during food Drives!

Visit the [Rhinelander Area Food Pantry](http://www.rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org/index.html) website for information on how you can help, volunteer, or for information on local events. <http://www.rhinelanderareafoodpantry.org/index.html>

