





## Community Development

Jenny was asked by Sauk and Dane County trail stakeholders to estimate the potential economic impact of the Great Sauk State Trail once it is completed between Middleton and Reedsburg. Jenny partnered with Extension specialists Dave Marcouiller and Matt Kures to develop the economic impact report. As part of this effort she also interviewed businesses along the completed portions of the Great Sauk State Trail in order to measure the impact of the trail on their businesses. Jenny is currently working to draft portions of the report so that the findings can be shared with the Sauk County Economic Development Committee, Great Sauk Trail Commission, and stakeholders throughout Sauk Prairie.

## Community Collaboration Efforts

**Food Pantry and Partners Coalition** The group continues to expand access and awareness of food distribution sites across Sauk County to area families. Despite the USDA's expansion of the summer food program to the end of the calendar year and the announcement of a rapid application grant (maximum distribution amount of \$50,000) for those schools who are working with community partners on projects that extend food programming beyond the reach of the typical school day - it is still anticipated that there are many families that are and will continue to experience significant food shortages. Some sights have seen a drop off or decline in participants and this could be due to a number of reasons. The coalition is working diligently to reduce access and availability issues for residents by changing location hours and times for those families working shift hours or managing daycare/ virtual school issues. It is essential that the community continue to help spread the message of food distribution locations and share issues and concerns with the coalition.

**The Farmer Angel Network** The network had a successful turn out at the Farm Art Dtour and expresses gratitude to the youth groups that participated at short notice to create the artistic and beautiful corn angel creations! The network also expresses a great deal of gratitude and thanks to the Weston FFA youth group for its BBQ Pork Feed event on 10/17/2020. The youth raised over \$2100 in sales and matching donations for the network for all their hard work. The youth were eager to learn more about the work of the F.A.N. and in showing support for local farm families to increase positive mental health in agri-economy.



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