



**PINE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Pine County Local Government Officials Meeting**

**October 30, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Jury Assembly Room**  
**Pine County Courthouse**  
**635 Northridge Dr. NW**  
**Pine City, Minnesota**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (County Board Chair)
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. University of Minnesota Extension Programs
  - Sarah Chur, Regional Director
  - Terry Salmela, County Master Gardener Coordinator
  - Jimmie Johnson, Regional SNAP-Ed Health & Nutrition Educator
  - Frank Moyer, County 4-H Program Coordinator
4. Roundtable Updates and Discussion
5. Other
6. Next meeting – Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
7. Adjourn

# PINE COUNTY SNAP-ED WORKS 2018

Helping Minnesotans with limited financial resources make the healthy choice the easy choice.

## IN THE CLASSROOM

We served a total of **618 participants** through **21 class series**. 9,075 education minutes with 140 sessions.

**197**  
youth (07-12)

**35**  
teens

**386**  
adults (19+)



## IN THE COMMUNITY

Extension SNAP-Ed reached **1,092 people** with the support of **105 community partners** through **12 projects** to create healthy changes such as: Learn, Live, Shop



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<https://z.umn.edu/fdstorymap>

## THE EDUCATOR

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Serving Pine County

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## Pine County Master Gardeners had a busy year

Our Pine County Master Gardeners have been very busy and successful this summer. Here is a summary of some of their great projects and accomplishments.



### **SANDSTONE LIBRARY COFFEE WITH A MASTER GARDENER**

Three master gardeners organized three Saturday “Coffee with the Master Gardeners” sessions at the Sandstone Library on Indoor Vegetable Gardening, Buckthorn Control and House Plants.

### **HORTICULTURE DAY**

190 attended to hear Keynote Speaker Lee Frelich, UMN Director of the Center of Forest Ecology on “Minnesota Forests are Changing with the Environment” and attend five breakout sessions on Healthy Vegetables, Blueberries, Pruning Trees and Shrubs, Perennials and Jam Making.



### **MASTER GARDENERS TEACH COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES**

Three master gardeners taught two different classes through two community education programs. The first was on “Growing Your Own Vegetables” at East Central Community Education on February 20 and Pine City on February 21. The second was on “Buckthorn Control 101” on September 27 at East Central for 11 people and October 9 in Pine City for 34 in attendance.

### **SUMMER FOOD AND FUN YOUTH BACKPACK PROGRAM**

Three master gardeners met twice a week for 10 weeks with the 12-20 Summer Food and Fun Pine City Back Pack youth at the raised beds to teach them how to grow vegetables, prepare them, take some home and contribute to the Pine City Food Shelf.

### **PINE CITY FARMERS MARKET**

Nine master gardeners had an Ask a Master Gardener gardening information booth at the Pine City Farmers Market for two hours on 17 Fridays this summer.

### **YARD AND GARDEN THYMES NEWSPAPER COLUMN**

Ten Yard and Garden Master Gardener newspaper columns every other week were submitted to four county newspapers by five master gardeners.

### **JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM AT PINE CITY ELEMENTARY**

Nine master gardeners taught 40 Pine City Elementary School students at three after-school Junior Master Gardener Nature Workshops on three Tuesdays in May.



## PINE CITY COMMUNITY GARDEN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Because the Pine City Sewer and Water project under the Snake River, there was no Pine City Community Garden in 2018. The Master Gardeners used the time to organize the following community garden improvement projects with the goals of 1.) getting new ideas for the gardens, 2.) seeking funding and volunteers, 3.) enhancing security, 4.) increasing educational opportunities, 5.) community involvement and accessibility.
- April 27 - We hosted a four county (five community and two school garden) pizza party in Pine City to learn how community and school gardens in Rush City, North Branch, Lindstrom, Mora and Cambridge got started, financed and increased participation.
- May 5 - We took down the existing community garden fence and three raised beds. We set up the raised beds between the Pine City Library and under the water tower for gardening demonstration classes and Summer Food and Fun program use.
- June 2 - Held a Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening class at the raised beds and planted cool season crops.
- July 14 - Held a Mid-Season Garden Care Workshop at the raised beds.
- Wrote a letter to and later appeared before the Pine City Council to request a Community Garden item in their 2019 budget and to get permission to proceed with the project.
- July 10 - Five master gardeners toured the community and school gardens in the five above cities.
- August - Applied for a Pine Endowment Grant for almost \$8,000 and received almost \$2,000 for fencing for the community garden.



## BEST-EVER COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

Ninety-eight “How Friendly is Your Lawn”? surveys were handed out to fairgoers visiting our Pine County Fair Booth on pollinators; 77 surveys were returned and 110 bee bombs (clay balls with native plant seeds) were handed out; 51 stick bee bundle houses were made by youth. Sixteen master gardeners spent time in the booth telling fairgoers about the importance of over 400 native bees in Minnesota that pollinate one-third of our food supply and most of our native and many domestic plants.



## INTERNS

One new intern is completing her 50 volunteer hours in 2018. Four new interns have been recruited and approved for 2019.

