



# Extension Winnebago County Review

JANUARY 2023

*The Extension Winnebago County team continues to extend research-based information and provide outreach education programs to the residents of Winnebago County and beyond. Please take a few moments to explore some of the highlights of the last month.*

## **Horticulture - Madisen Potratz** [madisen.potratz@wisc.edu](mailto:madisen.potratz@wisc.edu)

- Presented at Division of Extension All Colleagues Conference on how to use social media as an outreach tool for Extension education.
- Met with Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association to discuss need, topics, and certifications that may be offered at 2024 landscape conference.
- Submitted Wisconsin Idea Internship Program grant application to fund a community garden outreach assistant internship for summer 2023.
- Created two Instagram campaigns covering vermicomposting (composting with worms indoors) and caring for holiday houseplants.
- Observed Q&A webinar for Foundations in Gardening participants who are interested in becoming Master Gardener Volunteers.
- Completed "Growing and Caring for Plants in Wisconsin: Foundations in Gardening" course for professional development.

## **Human Development & Relationships - Todd Wenzel** [todd.wenzel@wisc.edu](mailto:todd.wenzel@wisc.edu)

- Completed Strong Couples coaching program. Strong Couples will begin to be offered in February to couples interested in improving their communication skills.
- Completed a Rent Smart series at OSCI in December with another series scheduled in January. Continuing public online Rent Smart classes with statewide colleagues.
- Co-hosting a statewide meeting on Youth Forward Wisconsin and childhood savings accounts at UWGB on January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Presenting personal finance classes on renting and credit at Oshkosh West High School.
- Holding Rent Smart series at Nova Counseling in Oshkosh in late January.
- Presenting modules in Focus on Fathers online parenting series and working with the statewide fatherhood team to expand fatherhood programming.

## 4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger

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- View our January/February newsletter for club happenings, recap of events, and upcoming events at: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/events/>.
- Continued assisting the Leaders' Association with a 5-yr spend down plan. Club and project leaders are being contacted to begin collecting ideas to share at our upcoming All County Meeting (January 24<sup>th</sup>). Focus will be on how to use the funds to enrich programming and grow our numbers.
- 4-H Fun Day registration forms went out with the January/February newsletter. We have over 20 sessions for youth to choose from! Fun Day (one of our biggest events) takes place on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Discover 4-H Project Boxes are available for Winnebago County employees. Registration deadline is January 5th. Visit the Winnebago County employee intranet for more info.
- 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training begins on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We have 22 high school counselors training!
- Chickquest classrooms starting in January: Clovis Grove Elementary in Menasha and Jefferson Elementary in Oshkosh. Sarah and I are visiting Sunnyview Hatchery in Beaver Dam on January 6<sup>th</sup> to view their facility and pick up 3 dozen fertilized eggs, which they are donating. Shattuck Middle School will receive some of these eggs so they can try again and I will also be incubating eggs again in the Extension Office. We hope to have better luck with this batch of eggs; I anticipate better success as these eggs are coming from a professional hatchery.
- Enrollment as of 12.29.2022: 580 youth/141 adult volunteers.

## 4-H Youth & Science Educator - Sarah Thompson

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- Finished up a six-week rotation at Butte des Morts Elementary School in Menasha with the After School Program with an average of about 16 students attending each week.
- Beginning a new rotation at Maplewood Middle School this week.
- Taught the first session of ChickQuest at Jefferson Elementary School in Oshkosh and Clovis Grove Elementary School in Menasha yesterday. The students received their ChickQuest t-shirts, learned about 4-H, and learned about what to expect with our egg delivery next week. They are super excited.
- The January Cloverbud Workshop is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the JPCC. We will be creating some paintings using painters' tape!
- I will be leading a session at 4-H Fun Day at Webster Stanley Middle School February 4<sup>th</sup>. The morning should be filled with lots of education and fun!

## Community Development - Mia Ljung

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- Co-submitted Wisconsin Idea Internship Program grant application with Madisen to fund a community garden outreach assistant internship for summer 2023.
- The [Shop BIPOC \(Black, Indigenous, and People of Color\) Campaign](#) drew two winners of \$100 gift cards!
- [Entrepreneur of Color Spotlight](#) (EoC Spotlight) delivered two powerful interviews with small business owners:
  - [Watch the recording](#) with Brenda Crump of [Cuz'n Bren-Bren All Purpose Seasoning](#)
  - [Watch the recording](#) with Tear Lore of [Lure Beauty](#)

*The EoC Spotlight is brought to you by the Appleton Public Library, the ColorBold Business Association, and Extension Outagamie & Winnebago counties.*

### **FoodWise - Kris Soper**

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- Grocery Store tours during the winter months have started. Completed two with more coming in January.
- Continuing to work with Merrill 2nd graders on MyPlate.
- Starting new schools in January: Jefferson with 2 classrooms, Taft Elementary with 2 classrooms, and Merrill Elementary with 1 classroom. Will be teaching MyPlate. These classrooms will be once a week for 6 weeks.
- Working with Head Start and Boys and Girls Club on Thursday evenings with Keep Calm and Cook On. This will be for 4 weeks.
- Another round of 6 weeks with SOAR.

### **FoodWise - Hannah Phillips**

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### **Agriculture - OPEN**

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### **Human Development & Relationships/Health & Well Being - OPEN**

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