



Extension Winnebago County Review

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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.

4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger dana.berger@wisc.edu

The following items will be discussed during my presentation time:

- Re-enrollment numbers
- 4-H Project Days
- YAC Mini Meets
- 2021 Summer Camp
- Escape Room: Live Tour!
- 2021 Scholarship and Key Awards: Applications are due the end of February. Would Steve Binder be interested in sitting in on interviews again in April?
- 4-H Pizza Fundraiser: Link for order form:
<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/12/Member-Order-Form.pdf>

Orders to to JPCC by March 10th

Can be mailed: Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Assoc, 600 E Cty Rd Y, Ste 600 Oshkosh 54901

Human Development & Relationships/Health & Well Being - Mandi Dornfeld amanda.dornfeld@wisc.edu

- Facilitated two meetings of the Diversity Affairs Commission, this first year the focus will be upon building the framework and educating ourselves and the community.
- Completed a four week series with Todd Taking Care of You, have an average attendance of 13 participants
- Have been accepted as a Adult Mental Health First Aid Instructor, certification 3/22-25
- Trauma Informed Roadmap Training has 47 registrants in it on 2/23
- Completed certification as a WeCOPE trainer (Connecting with our Positive Emotions) and will be offering in April
- Todd and I will be co-hosting a Triple P Positive Parenting series in April including topics such as; The power of positive parenting, Raising confident and competent children, and Raising resilient children. This is a new program for Winnebago County.
- Serving on the search and screen for the Associate Dean Youth, Families and Health

Horticulture - Kimberly Miller

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Foundations in Horticulture class officially ended at the end of January. Class was an online class conducted between Oct. 19, 2020 and Jan. 29, 2021. In addition to the weekly activities, 3 live Zoom webinars and 4 live labs were conducted. Students have until the end of March to continue reviewing materials. Work is now being conducted to officially evaluate the course and the students' experience.

Those that took Foundations in Horticulture can now take the next step to enter the Master Gardener Program. For those that wish to join the Winnebago County program an orientation was held that explained local volunteer opportunities and the next steps to enter the program (Master Gardener Onboarding.)

Existing Master Gardener volunteers are currently going through annual enrollment. "Enrollment" lets us know if a volunteer plans to continue in the program in 2021. It also gives them the opportunity to review the Volunteer Expectations and Conditions of Service agreements. These important documents require their agreement in order to continue in the program. This is a requirement of ALL Extension volunteers. In addition, we are starting to plan for and prep volunteers for the 2021 gardening season since restrictions are still in place due to Covid-19.

Planning for the 2021 Sunnyview Garden partnership season is continuing. Registration materials are being revised and produced.

Financial Education - Todd Wenzel

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- 18 participants statewide earned the Rent Smart certificate for the January online classes. 8 of those 18 were Winnebago County residents. There are currently 13 participants in the February online sessions; 3 are Winnebago County residents. Online classes have been scheduled for March, April, and May.
- Working with a new cohort of Habitat for Humanity Money Matters clients. Clients are required to complete the Money Matters curriculum and have a conversation with me about their financial situation. 11 clients have been referred.
- Winnebago County Eviction Prevention Task Force continues to work with an outside facilitator on understanding eviction data in the county. We have begun discussing existing and potential resources to serve those in danger of eviction, including expanding Rent Smart classes for both tenant and landlord education.
- Currently taking financial coaching training through UW-Madison. This will allow me to expand my services to a larger audience.
- Member of the Extension Call To Action Initiative Group #1, Expanded Understanding of Land Grant Universities.
- Represented Extension at the January meetings of the Fox Cities Housing Coalition and the Winnebagoland Housing Coalition.
- Completed Mental Health First Aid for Youth training.
- Member of a regional team that presented Encouraging Financial Conversations provider training in January. 57 professionals attended at least one of the six classes, 10 of those participants were from Winnebago County.
- I will be on FMLA leave beginning February 17 through at least March 5.

FoodWise - Kris Soper

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- Working with SOAR on a new series. Starting February 10th and ending on February 24th. This is a live cooking lesson where I am providing educational materials.
- Working with the FoodWise team and providing Cooking Matters lessons, called Keep Calm and Cook On, throughout the COWW counties. We are partnering with WIC and Headstart offices for participants.
- Signed up for and participated in Co-Pilot training for Zooms. This is a three week commitment. Currently I will be helping Julie Rosenberry out with her virtual in-school lessons. This is a six week project every Thursday morning.
- Participating in Healthy Schools virtual Bootcamp. This is bi-weekly and continues on for many months.
- Participated in a zoom regarding the new Dietary Guidelines that have just come out.
- Part of the Food Security project for Winnebago County.
- I will also be virtually attending the All-Colleague FoodWise State Conference on February 17th and 24th.

Community Development - Mia Ljung

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- I have continued to work with a team including Kim Miller and the City of Oshkosh in light of the [Community Garden RFP](#) that was launched last fall to create a sustainable plan for the Phoenix Rising Community Garden. One barrier for interested applicants is having to hold liability insurance, and as I had learned about the Madison nonprofit [Rooted](#), we set up a meeting with them to hear about how their nonprofit takes on liability to foster more community gardening to happen in their community. Stay tuned!
- [ColorBold Business Association](#) partnership updates:
 - Next ColorBold Spotlight of the month will be with one of ColorBold's Vice-President Ramona Hallmon. Ramona Hallmon is a pastor, motivational speaker, teacher, life coach, leader, and business consultant. Tuesday February 23, 1-1.30 pm on FB Live. Follow page and Stay tuned on FB @ColorBoldBusinessAssociation
 - With ColorBold Committee members and Extension's Entrepreneurs of Color Support Team, I submitted an application for the Extension's Dean Innovation Grant in the hopes to set off a 10 month training series led by and geared to Entrepreneurs of Color in northeast Wisconsin. This initiative will also include two community events (hopefully in person) to raise community awareness of business owners of color and the support that ColorBold offers. Cross your fingers, we'll find out in March!
- [Navigating the Paycheck Protection Program](#) - a collaboration UW-Madison Extension Community Economic Development and Wisconsin Small Business Development Center. Tuesday Feb 16, noon-1 pm. SBDC overview of the second round of the PPP followed by a panel discussion including two ColorBold Business owners who will share their experiences having acquired a first round PPP loan. Register: <https://economicdevelopment.extension.wisc.edu/navigating-the-paycheck-protection-program/>

Agriculture - John Thompson

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- Webinars:
 - 2021 N.E. Wisconsin Agronomy Day Planning and details for February 25
 - Focus On Forages Webinars for February and March Series of 5
 - Making Cover Crops Pay Webinars Series of 6
 - Grassworks Webinar Wednesday Feb. 11 , 7 p.m.

- Phone calls and emails
 - Answered many inquires about fertilizer and herbicide recommendations for upcoming season
 - Answered calls about interpreting soil test results
 - Answered calls about pesticide training and material needed

- Working on becoming Certified Grazing Plan writer