



Extension Winnebago County Review

FEBRUARY 2022

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

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- Summer Camp Counselor training is underway. We have 22 high school youth counselors this year! Camp is set to take place at Upham Woods June 27-30th.
- Teen Winter Leadership Camp took place on Jan 29th in Rosholt, WI. Youth learned about how the brain functions and is used for leading. Additional outdoor fun was also had (tubing and snowshoeing).
- Our Foods and Nutrition project committee put on youth-led zooms on baking bread and scones.
- Our Rabbit committee put on youth and adult led education on care and feeding of rabbits.
- The Shooting Sports committee met and laid out 2022 plans for archery to begin in late March and run through May.
- We held our All County 4-H meeting on Jan 25th. Thrive survey results were presented as well as info regarding the spring pizza sale.

4-H Youth & Science Educator-Sarah Thompson

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- Continue work with Oshkosh and Menasha After School Programs with 3-5 school visits weekly.
- Working with Dana on Summer Camp Counselor Training. See her note regarding camp!
- Teen Winter Leadership Camp was super successful. Collaborated with educators from seven counties to hold this camp; 31 youth participants.
- The next Cloverbud Workshop is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 6:30-7:30pm at the Coughlin Center.

Community Development - Mia Ljung

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Financial Education - Todd Wenzel

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- Completed Rent Smart series at Oshkosh School District Second Chance program, with request to present a condensed version of Rent Smart to school district social work staff in March.
- Working with new staff at Habitat for Humanity on homebuyer program participant financial education.
- Working with justice-involved state team on creating financial programming for incarcerated audiences.
- Working with mindfulness in finances state team on adding mindfulness theory to financial programming.
- Attended monthly Fox Cities and Winnebago Land Housing Coalition meetings.
- Working with Youth Forward Wisconsin colleagues on making Winnebago County a pilot county for YFW.
- Beginning financial coaching series with a new cohort of four participants referred from COTS.

Human Development & Relationships/Health & Well Being - Mandi Dornfeld

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- Facilitated 2 in person and one zoom Real Colors personality assessment for Winnebago County employees including all department heads and deputy directors. Evaluation results are positive across the board. Meeting with the county executive's office on Feb 2nd to discuss the goal of training all employees in this assessment.
- Working with the Project Zero project to gather employers to create a workplace suicide reduction program.
- Joined the United Way Fox Cities impact area to guide funding decisions for programs under the "health" realm.
- Joining the state office of Children's Mental Health on their Trauma Informed Care Team.
- Agreed to peer review UWO Trauma Informed Care educational learning sessions.
- Facilitated a Real Colors Session for United Way Fox Cities for 29 people including their Americorps team.
- Up and Coming (short report turnaround from last report):
 - Trauma Informed Care Panel on 2/4 for 36 business professionals/leaders and staff.
 - Continuing to manage Grandparents from afar.
 - Diversity Affairs rewrites and sending back through approval.
 - National Joint Council of Professionals Conference in Feb in Kansas City, MO.
 - Facilitating a day long Adult Mental Health First aid for statewide corrections officers and staff.

FoodWise - Kris Soper

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- Currently working with Merrill Elementary School on nutrition lessons with second grade students.
- Every Thursday night I am a part of the Keep Calm and Cook On cooking lessons that are being conducted with Boys and Girls Club of Oshkosh and with Oshkosh WIC. This is a 4 week series with 10 families and 32 participants all together. It is being held in person at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Working with Friendship Place in Neenah. Teaching Leah's Pantry Around the table. This is an ongoing once a month program.
- I am a part of the Keep Calm and Cook On virtual class that is being held on the second Friday of each month. This is a virtual class across all four counties.
- I have rescheduled classes with Jefferson School. They will start back up at the end of February.

FoodWise - Hannah Phillips

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