



## Extension Winnebago County Review

NOVEMBER 2021

*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.*

### **Financial Education - Todd Wenzel**

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- Presented Rent Smart to 8 inmates at OSCI. Next Rent Smart session at OSCI scheduled for December 3.
- Beginning a Rent Smart series at the Oshkosh Area School District Second Chance campus on Nov. 4.
- Collaborating with Winnebago County Housing Authority to develop a cleaning guide for the Rent Smart curriculum specifically for public housing and immigrant renters in response to WCHA request.
- Beginning collaboration with financial education colleagues on creation of mindfulness-based financial education interventions to be included in existing financial education curricula.
- Expanding financial coaching to COTS clients after request from COTS staff.
- 53 of the 156 participants that have earned the Rent Smart certificate to date through statewide online classes are Winnebago County residents.

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

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- Finishing up the Sources of Strength trainings by November 22nd.
- Diversity Affairs mission, bylaws, and strategic plan is at corp counsel for review.
- Grandparents support group will be having a drive-through Christmas event again due to safety and young children.
- Accepted request from County Executive's office to provide Real Colors training to all Department Heads on 11/16. The goal is all county employees in 2022. Real colors is a personality assessment designed to increase understanding of ourselves and others.

### **FoodWise - Hannah Phillips**

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## FoodWise - Kris Soper

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- Started working with elementary schools, such as Jefferson in Oshkosh and Taft in Neenah. These lessons are a series of 6, once a week.
- Working with Menasha Boys and Girls Club in the Teen center, teaching Teen Cuisine. This is a series of 6 lessons, once a week.
- Miranda Dawson and I will be starting a 6 week series of lessons with Friendship Place in Neenah.

## Community Development - Mia Ljung

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- The biggest nugget to share is the ColorBold Business Association Soft Launch virtual event that was a big success! Our audience ranged from Entrepreneurs of Color in Northeast Wisconsin to economic development professionals who were interested in learning more about ColorBold and how to support their efforts. Networking, education on business credit, and a raffle for VISA gift cards took place thanks to ColorBold leadership, Associated Bank sponsorship, and Extension support. Check out the Zoom recording [HERE](#) if you are interested!
- Another big milestone was the presentation of a report to the economic development corporation [New North](#) Equity Diversity Inclusion Belonging Executive Council. [Extension Community Development Educator Diana Hammer](#) and I co-lead the workgroup on Small business and Entrepreneurship. Through research, first hand experiences with EoC, and in consultation with a Black business owner, we made two recommendations to the Council that will be brought forth to the New North Board in November. Recommendation 1: Expand resource allocations to BIPOC owned businesses & Recommendation. 2: Leverage BIPOC-led community organizations and leaders to intentionally resource existing efforts while building trust for New North. Both recommendations integrated motivation and concrete actions.

## Agriculture - OPEN

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## Horticulture - OPEN

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## 4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger

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- 2021-2022 4-H project committee goal setting and planning underway! I will be meeting with our Foods, Poultry, Rabbit, Dog, Dairy, and Shooting Sports groups over the next couple months to assist them with implementing more youth leadership and learning opportunities.
- Sarah Thompson and I are traveling to Memphis TN to the National 4-H Conference Nov 15th-19th.
- 2022 Summer Camp planning is also underway. Counselor applications went out and interviews are taking place on Dec 12th.
- 6 new 4-H volunteers were trained this month and there are 7 more to be trained! They are serving in a combination of project, activity, and club leader roles.
- Family Awards Banquet took place on October 23rd. Please visit our newsletter for a listing of our newly elected Leaders' Board members and award winners:  
<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/newsletters/>

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

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- Continue leading several activities in Oshkosh and Menasha After School Programs, including using some of the remaining Discover 4-H boxes at Emmeline Cook Elementary.
- Continue partnership with the Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club with programming at both the Club and at elementary schools in Oshkosh and Omro.
- Cloverbud Blast will be at the JPCC on Sunday, November 7.
- Cloverbuds are registering for the monthly Cloverbud Workshops that were listed last month.
- Will be attending the National 4-H Conference in Memphis with Dana and other state colleagues Nov. 15-19.