



Extension Winnebago County Review

DECEMBER 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.

Community Development - Mia Ljung mia.ljung@wisc.edu

- Check out the Facebook Live recording [HERE](#) of my conversation with Kimyatta Ratliff, President of the ColorBold Business Association. I have been working very closely with Kimyatta to grow ColorBold, and it was a wonderful conversation where she shared the main accomplishments and challenges this past year. I am lucky and grateful to work with such dedicated and compassionate community partners!
#ColorBoldSpotlightNovember #ColorBoldSpotlight#14
- The local Fast Pitch business idea competition was held on November 17; I was in charge of making sure that all 12 pitches were uploaded in order and in good shape. Everything went smoothly, and some really innovative businesses were awarded to go to the NEW Launch Alliance HATCH Event, which will take place on Thursday, Dec. 2. Read more about the competitions [HERE](#). Also, it was phenomenal to see two business owners of color be on the judging panel this year!

Financial Education - Todd Wenzel todd.wenzel@wisc.edu

- Presented with Call to Action Task Force 1 on Land Grant history in Wisconsin and the US during Extension All Colleague Conference.
- Completed Rent Smart classes at Oshkosh Second Chance High School and at Oshkosh Correctional.
- Presented Rent Smart Train the Trainer curriculum with colleagues to professionals in Wisconsin and 10 other states.
- Collaborating with colleagues and campus on Financial Coaching and Money Matters research project.
- Presented Encouraging Financial Conversations booster session on credit to statewide professionals.

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

- Reporting at the December meeting

4-H Youth Development - Dana Berger

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- Re-enrollment for existing 4-H members ended 11.20.21 and our numbers have held steady. I am anticipating more new members joining in the coming months as we work on expanding our outreach efforts.
- The 4-H National Conference in TN was great. I attended educational sessions on project management, succession planning, and leader/member exchanges and development.
- Please visit <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/record-book/example/> to view examples of our county Merit Award Record Book winners!
- We are finishing up multiple planning sessions for our project committees. Each session has been helpful in identifying educational gaps and finding ways to bring in more youth leadership within the projects.
- Winnebago County 4-H Fun Day is scheduled for Feb 5th. This day allows current and non 4-H youth the opportunity to make and take creative projects.
- Area 10 (Winnebago, Waupaca, Calumet, & Outagamie) 4-H Art Retreat is set for March 12-13, 2022. Youth will be staying overnight at WI Lions Camp and participating in a series of visual and performing art workshops.

4-H Youth & Science Educator-Sarah Thompson

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- Work continues in several Oshkosh and Menasha After School programs. I have recently begun work at Maplewood Middle School and am continuing work with the Discover 4-H boxes at Emmeline Cook Elementary School.
- The first Cloverbud Workshop was a success. Eleven Cloverbuds, one eager older brother (an Explorer), and two older youth helpers and I talked through some decision-making techniques as we created an amazing (and interesting) snack mix. The next session is scheduled for Monday, December 13.
- We all learned a great deal at the National Conference (NAE4-HYDP) in Memphis.
- Looking forward to presenting at Winnebago County Fun Day in February.

FoodWise - Hannah Phillips

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FoodWise - Kris Soper

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