



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

UW-MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION WINNEBAGO COUNTY



Health & Well-being

Better Safe Than Scary: How to Avoid Tricks in your Halloween Treats

Halloween is just around the corner, and food safety is key. Use the following tips to check your child's Halloween candy after trick-or-treating and avoid any scary surprises:

- Do not eat anything unless it is commercially wrapped.
- Inspect all candy wrappers for signs of tampering, such as tiny pinholes or tears in the wrapper.
- Discard spoiled, discolored, or unwrapped items.
- Throw away any homemade goods, unless you know the person who prepared them.
- Read nutrition labels to identify allergens and discard those pieces.
- Remove choking hazards for young children, such as hard candies, gum, and small toys.

Still not sure what to look for? [Watch Trooper Matt Gayheart with Kentucky State Police Post 13](#) demonstrate a candy inspection. Find more Halloween food safety tips [here](#), and have a safe and spooky Halloween!

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Human Development & Relationships

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Money Matters LIVE

Credit and Debt Series is a new online learning and discussion series. Participants will learn about the basics of credit, how to build and maintain good credit, and how to deal with existing personal debt. Whether you are looking to get out of debt or learn how to improve your credit, this FREE online series is for you! Each session will include a short presentation from Extension educators and lots of time for discussion and questions. You can attend all 4 sessions or as many as your schedule allows. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings in October from 7:00-8:00 PM.



[Register for this new, FREE series.](#)

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4-H News

The 1st Annual 4-H Sunflower & Pumpkin Growing Contest was a success!

On September 30th, 4-H youth and families met at our brand-new UW Extension Outdoor Classroom grounds for a little fall fun and to determine our winners for this festive event.

Youth Winners:

Heaviest Pumpkin (99.3 lbs): Jacob Schmidt
Tallest Sunflower (74.5 inches): Elise Morin
Largest Sunflower Bloom (11 inches): Jacob Schmidt

Families in attendance also had fun pumpkin bowling, playing toss across and taking a turn at the "pond" to fish for prizes.

[Enjoy this short video of the event.](#)

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Crops & Soils

UW-Madison Division of Extension to Host Area Badger Crop Updates Meetings

The Badger Crop Update meeting replaces the previous Regional Pest Management Update Meeting, the Soil, Water, and Nutrient Management Update Meeting, and the Area Agronomy Update Meeting.



This will provide farmers and agricultural professionals with the latest, unbiased, research-based information to help them make decisions to remain economically viable and environmentally sound.

Although the website indicates that registration began in mid-September, individuals who are interested in participating will be able to sign up for the next event soon! Mark your calendars for November 28th (location: Fond du Lac). [Please visit this website and check back as further information becomes available.](#)

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Regional Dairy

Farm Succession Planning

Farm succession planning is a critical need. Join our UW-Madison Division of Extension Farm Management Specialists as they lead discussions and activities during the Cultivating Your Farm's Future workshop series. This program will provide tools and resources for farmers who want to start their succession plans.

<https://go.wisc.edu/q5r63s>



Bi-lingual Management on Dairy Farms

Are you a dairy farm owner, manager, or supervisor with Spanish-speaking employees; or a current or future dairy farm employee; or an agricultural professional who does or will work with Spanish-speakers? If so, [check out Spanish for the Dairy Industry](#), a Spanish short course series!

Horticulture

Dig into horticulture education with these upcoming webinars!

[Diseases of Houseplants](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, 6:30- 8:30PM

Learn about common houseplant diseases that adversely affect your indoor gardening efforts.



[Debunking Houseplant Myths](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 12-12:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss common misconceptions about your indoor plant care and learn the correct strategies to keep your indoor greenery thriving and healthy.

[Adaptive Gardening Tools](#)

Thursday, Nov. 9, 12-12:30 p.m.

This presentation contains ideas of gardening tools that will make your life in the garden easier and extend your time outside enjoying the weather.

[Growing Adenium \(Desert Rose\) – The Flamboyant Succulent](#)

Tuesday, November 14, 12:00 p.m.

Join us to learn how you can successfully grow these beautiful succulants and keep them thriving at home.

Have a Question? Ask a Gardener!!

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/ask-a-gardening-question/>

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FoodWise Recipes

Winter is just around the corner. Here is a great recipe for [Cream of Broccoli Soup](#). Easy and quick to make. Perfect for a cold winter lunch or dinner.

Serve with a side of crackers or a piece of bread and enjoy.

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Community Development

Introduction to Plain Language

Join us for this **free introductory course**. This virtual training introduces strategies for word choice, font selection, grammar use, user testing, and more that help us communicate quickly and effectively with both native and non-native speakers.

When? November 9th at 1:00pm

Register at <https://shorturl.at/nrFR3>

This course is presented in partnership with the **University of Wisconsin-Madison Office of Human Resources, Cultural Linguistic Services.**



Entrepreneurs of Color Spotlight

The EoC Spotlight empowers entrepreneurs of color in NE Wisconsin, highlights their business journey and strategies, and invites viewers to interact and learn. **Join us every First and Third Thursday!** (Links through the icons below)



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4-H & Youth

4-H Cloverbud Blast

Our county-wide 4-H Clubs and their amazing volunteer leaders do a fantastic job working with our 4-H members every year! Our youngest youth, Cloverbuds (K-2), participate in club activities and show items at the fair as well. In addition to

Cloverbud Camp, one of their other county-wide activities, Cloverbud Blast, is an afternoon of fun and learning. It also provides a time to recognize our graduates. Cloverbud Blast will take place Nov. 5, 1:00-3:00 at the Coughlin Center. Registration is open until Oct. 27. Please call the office to register: 920-232-1974

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