



# NEWS FROM EXTENSION

UW-MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION WINNEBAGO COUNTY



## Happy Halloween!

As Halloween nears, it's important to ensure everyone stays safe. Check out [Halloween safety tips from the FDA](#). Have a fun and spooky Halloween!



## Human Development & Relationships

### Join the Focus on Fathers Online Series!

A father's role is vital for a child's development, enhancing language, critical thinking, and social-emotional skills. Join us for

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our Focus on Fathers series to gain parenting tips and strengthen your relationship with your child.

Upcoming Sessions | 6:00-7:00 PM (Zoom)

- **Dads Promote Persistence, Dedication, and Hard Work:** November 12
- **Fathers Help Children Solve Problems:** December 10
- **Fathers Help Children Stand Up For Themselves:** January 14

Learn more at our [Raising Caring Kids](#) articles.

Registration Required: [Sign up here!](#)

Come ready to listen, share, and build a supportive fatherhood community!

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## Health & Well-Being

Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.

Substance Free Futures (SFF), a youth-led group in Oshkosh, is hoping to start the conversation. The group engages youth and parents through prevention campaigns, sober events, and community outreach - and we'd love for you to join us!

SFF members have planned a Game Night event at Planet Perk on October 25, from 2-5PM. Youth aged 11-18 are invited to attend. Team up with friends, make new ones, and learn more about what this group has to offer!

You can also listen to the Substance Free Futures [podcast episode](#).

*Extension Winnebago County is proud to partner with [Breakwater](#), Oshkosh's drug prevention coalition, to co-facilitate Substance Free Futures.*

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## 4-H Programs

### Winnebago County 4-H Offering A New AgBadging Program

AgBadging is a new series of workshops where youth explore how agriculture links to what we eat, wear and use every day! Youth can earn and collect badges (pins) to add to a banner after completing activities from each of the 5 agricultural areas:

- Geography & Culture
- Technology & Engineering
- Ag & the Environment
- Plants & Animals
- Food & Health

Our first AgBadging Workshop takes place on November 7th and focuses on Geography and Culture. Youth will share family recipes as well as make thunder gourds!

Register by October 31st at <https://bit.ly/4e0kzX3>

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**4-H After School Programs:** Students in one Oshkosh school and one Menasha school have recently finished up rotations with our 4-H Youth & Science Educator. Students completed challenges related to reaction times, giving directions, and building with Lego robotics programs. Several more schools are scheduled for the school year.

**4-H ChickQuest Programs:** Two classrooms in Winnebago County have been participating in this program. Fertilized chick eggs are kept in an incubator and twenty-one days later, baby chicks hatch. Students learn about the life cycle of chickens and complete some fascinating experiments with eggs.

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## Crops & Soil

**Wisconsin produces around four million acres of corn each year, with approximately three million acres harvested as grain!**

To assist farmers and agricultural professionals in negotiating the value of corn above 15%, the UW-Madison Division of Extension has created an Equivalent Price per Ton for HMSC conversion chart. This Excel file incorporates current agricultural prices for liquid propane (LP) gas and electricity (\$KWH), along with a standard shrink factor, to provide a fair valuation for HMSC converted to a dry corn equivalent.



To see the full article and download the conversion chart, visit [Outagamie Extension](#).

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## Community Development

**Unlock the power of plain language!**

Join the FREE virtual workshop "Introduction to Plain Language" and learn essential strategies for effective communication.

**Date:** Thursday, November 7th

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:00 PM OR 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Register by November 5th at: <https://go.wisc.edu/plain>

*Note: we need at least 25 attendees to make this workshop happen!*

This workshop is a collaborative effort between UW-Madison's Cultural Linguistic Services and Extension for Outagamie & Winnebago Counties.

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Cash prizes & an opportunity to advance.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13

**Time:** 5:00pm - 8:00pm

**Location:** Timber Rattlers Stadium | The Fox Den (2400 N Casaloma Dr, Appleton)

Eligibility: Open to residents & businesses of Winnebago and Outagamie counties.

Application deadline: October 31 at [startupwi.org/new-north](http://startupwi.org/new-north).

For more details, visit: <https://go.wisc.edu/fastpitch>

Questions? Contact Mia Ljung at the information below.

### **Other Community Development Events**

- [EoC Spotlight Replays](#): Thursdays at 6:30pm on Facebook Live or Youtube!

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Want to learn about more Extension statewide news and educational opportunities? Subscribe to the [Community Economic Development newsletter here!](#)

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## **FoodWise**

**- It's good - It's in season - It's local -**

This month, FoodWise presents Apples as the Harvest of the Month



Visit the [FoodWise website](#) for more information!

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