



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

UW-MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION WINNEBAGO COUNTY



Join us for Wisconsin Idea Week

Celebrate the power of community, collaboration, and civic engagement during [Wisconsin Idea Week](#), happening **from April 7–11** right here in Winnebago County! This exciting week will highlight the many ways the University of Wisconsin works with local partners to make a real impact.

✨ From thought-provoking events to inspiring partnerships, **there's something for everyone**. Come see how together, we're shaping a brighter future for all.

Don't miss out – be part of this incredible celebration! 🎉

[Registration](#) is encouraged to help us make sure we have enough supplies.

Hygiene Drive

Support Our Community with a Hygiene Drive!

Join us for a week-long hygiene drive to benefit those in need in our community! We're collecting essential non-food items at the [James P. Coughlin Center](#), **April 7-11 from 8 AM to 4 PM**. You can also bring items to any of our programs during the week.

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

Help make a difference today! 💙 🙌



Stepping Stone Workshop

Join Us for a Fun Evening at the Outdoor Learning Center!

[Register Here! April 7, 5:30pm - 7:30pm](#)

Come be part of history with Extension Winnebago County! **Create a personalized stepping stone** for our new sensory walk at the Outdoor Learning Center. In this free hands-on workshop, you'll craft a textured concrete stone that will become a lasting feature in our center.

Plus, you can **make a second stone to take home!**

Come get creative, connect with the community, and leave a piece of yourself in the landscape for future visitors to enjoy! 🌱 🙌

[Each attendee will receive 1 raffle ticket](#) 🎟️

Planning AHEAD

Plan for the Future with Planning AHEAD!

[Register Here! April 8, 10am - 11am](#)

Ready to take control of your future? Join us for a powerful session on Planning AHEAD! **End-of-life planning is one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones**, and we're here to

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Don't know where to begin? We've got you covered! **Learn all about the Planning AHEAD program** and take that first step to ensure peace of mind for you and your family.

It's never too early to plan – because your future matters!



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Credit. Credit? Credit!

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[Register Here! April 8, 6pm-7pm](#)

Credit is a fact of life – but it doesn't have to be a mystery! Join us for an exciting session where we'll break down everything you need to know about credit reports, credit scores, and how they impact your financial future!

Ready to take control of your credit? **Learn tips and tricks** to build and maintain great credit so you can make smart financial decisions with confidence! Don't miss out – your future self will thank you! 🙌

Each attendee will receive 1 raffle ticket 🎟️

Bridging Communities

Bridging Communities: A Night of Wellness, Fun, and Learning!

📅 **Thursday, April 10 | 5:30-8:00 PM**

Join us for an unforgettable evening at the Bridging Communities event!

5:30-8:00 PM: Program & Partner Fair 🤝

Connect with local experts and community partners.



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conversations. It's a fantastic opportunity to get informed and build connections that matter!

6:30-7:30 PM: Badger Talk – How Wisconsin Became the Cheese State 🧀

Ever wondered how Wisconsin earned its title as America's Dairyland? Join Dean Sommer for an exciting journey through the history of Wisconsin's cheese industry! Plus, enjoy a cheese tasting and learn about the future of dairy. This Talk will be featured on PBS Wisconsin's University Place!

6:30-7:30 PM: ChickQuest 🐣

Perfect for the little ones! Kids can explore the development of chicks and dive into the wonders of nature.

Don't miss out – this night has something for everyone!

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Earn more raffle tickets by completing a scavenger hunt BINGO!





Reach Your Audience With Plain Language

Improve Your Communication Skills

[Register Here! April 11, 10am-12pm \(noon\)](#)

Want to communicate more effectively with your audience? **Join us for an interactive workshop:** "Reach Your Audience with Plain Language"!

This workshop is perfect for anyone who communicates with the public – whether you're in government, nonprofit, or business! **Learn** plain language guidelines, **discover** how to communicate clearly with native and nonnative English speakers, and **explore** the powerful benefits of using plain language in the workplace.

Don't miss out on this hands-on opportunity to sharpen your communication skills with videos, discussions, and practical tips! Let's make communication simpler, clearer, and more effective! 🗣️ 📄

[Each attendee will receive 1 raffle ticket](#) 🎟️

Seed Starting For Success

Get Ready for Spring with Our Seed Starting Workshop!

[Register Here! April 11, 5pm-6:30pm](#)

Spring is just around the corner – and it's time to get your garden growing! Join us for the Seed Starting for Success workshop and **learn how to start seeds indoors for vegetables, herbs, and flowers.** 🌸 🍅 🌻 🥕

This hands-on workshop will guide you step-by-step through the seed starting process. You'll **leave with your very own planted seed tray** to kickstart your garden! All supplies are provided, so just come ready to dig in and grow your gardening skills!

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to prepare for a bountiful spring garden!

[Each attendee will receive 1 raffle ticket](#) 🎟️





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