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Area 10 & 12 Professional Development

We're Up To Something Amazing!



Area 10 (Winnebago, Outagamie, and Waupaca Counties) and Area 12 (Calumet, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties) met in Calumet County for a day of professional development and team building. Lead by Jayna Hintz and a team of excited and engaged educators, staff focused on Harvesting Dialogue.

Whether it is with coworkers, fellow county departments, our partners, or our community, communication is what we do. And we dove right on in, ready to expand our knowledge and skills. From a guest speaker to hands on activities about conflict management, communication, and

leadership, Area 10 and 12 staff learned and laughed.

And now, we're excited to bring what we learned to our communities and to continue to provide the excellent services, connecting Winnebago County with the resources of UW-Madison! Reach out to find out what we have to offer - there's something for everyone.

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Health & Well-Being

StrongBodies: New Class, New Location!

Great news - our Oshkosh StrongBodies is moving to the Hyde Community Center!

This new space makes it easier to enjoy the low impact, full-body strength training workout you love. Adults of all ages are welcome - **no equipment needed**. Come build strength, flexibility, and community with us.



Mondays & Wednesdays: November 10 - January 29 | 9-10am
Hyde Community Center
545 Monroe Street - Door 11
Oshkosh, WI 54901

[Learn more about the StrongBodies program HERE!](#)

Questions? Contact Katie!

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Crops & Soil

Extension Hosts Winter [Badger Crop Update Meetings](#)

Farmers, agronomists, and students - **mark your calendars!** The 2025 Badger Crops & Soils Update Meetings are set for December 2-4, offering the latest research and practical insights to boost on-farm success.

This annual event features three regional one-day, in-person sessions, and one virtual option:

December 2 - Eau Claire, 8:30am-3pm

December 3 - Monroe, 8:30am-3pm

December 4 - Appleton, 8:30am-3pm | Virtual, 9am-3pm



[Register and see the agenda online at go.wisc.edu/BCU2025!](https://go.wisc.edu/BCU2025)

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Human Development & Relationships

[2026 Rent Smart](#) Dates Announced!



Finding and keeping a great place to live can feel overwhelming, but Extension's Rent Smart program can help! This **FREE**, online tenant education series helps renters build strong relationships with landlords, understand their rights and responsibilities, and gain confidence in navigating the rental process.

Who should attend?

- First-time renters
- Anyone struggling to secure housing
- Those who want to avoid rental challenges and build positive relationships

What you'll learn:

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- Your rights and responsibilities as a tenant
- Skills to maintain affordable housing and prevent problems.

These classes are **FREE** and offered via Zoom.

[Check out the schedule and register at go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister!](https://go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister)

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4-H News

Welcome Back Arianna!

Arianna is a 4-H AmeriCorps member for the 2025-2026 school year. She grew up in 4-H, spending nine years in the program as a youth, and later dedicated two summers as a program assistant and 4-H volunteer. In her current role, Arianna focuses on outreach at local libraries, after-school programs, and Boys & Girls Clubs.

Her winter schedule is packed, and spring programs are filling up! Upcoming offerings include photography, detective science, wizarding-themed activities, and a restoration project. Arianna is excited to share all the great opportunities 4-H provides with youth who are not yet part of the program.



Interested in hosting a 4-H workshop? Contact us at 920-232-1974 to arrange for Arianna to bring these engaging experiences to your community youth program!

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Horticulture

Bring Green Indoors This Winter!



Are you looking to brighten up your winter blues? Bringing green plants indoors is a great way to help! **Indoor plant growing and propagation can lift your mood, freshen the air, and add color to your home when everything outside is resting.**

Growing ornamentals is one of the joys of the season. Whether for decoration, as gifts, or simply for the joy of it, orchids, amaryllis, poinsettias, and others remind us that life and growth continue even in the coldest months.

Join me on **Thursday, December 11 from 5-6pm** for a **FREE** program on bringing plants indoors and caring for festive winter favorites. We'll talk about watering, light,

humidity, and simple ways to keep your plants healthy all winter long!

This is a relaxed and practical session for anyone who wants to learn, ask questions, and enjoy the green side of winter.

December 11, 5-6pm
JP Coughlin Center, Room B
625 E County Road Y | Oshkosh

Come grow with us!

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Community Development

Fast Pitch Business Competition Winners Head to TitleTown Tech!

This year's Fast Pitch Competition was a hit! Eight entrepreneurs delivered powerful 4-minute pitches. After tough deliberation by the judges, Kurt Wismer of GRiTedu took first place, and Nicole Hurd of Auvia Health Inc. earned second!

Both winners will advance to the **NEW Launch Alliance Regional Pitch Event**, competing against top innovators from across Northeast Wisconsin!

Come cheer them on: December 3 at TitleTown Tech, Green Bay!

[Learn more about the regional contests here!](#)

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