



UW-Extension Resources and Events

Plant Health Advisors Answer Yard and Garden Questions

Master Gardener Volunteers specially trained as Plant Health Advisors (PHAs) are available to answer yard and garden questions from homeowners and local gardeners. The PHAs are trained by UW-Extension and share research-based quality recommendations. PHAs are available in-person at the Ives Grove County Office Building (14200 Washington Avenue) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. They can also be contacted at (262) 886-8451 or via email at mastergardeners@goracine.org. Leave a message, drop off a sample (in tightly-closed jars and/or plastic bags) or send a photo. PHAs will also be available at the Downtown Racine Farmers' Market and the Western Racine Farmers' Market beginning in May.

Gardening Workshops

UW-Extension in partnership with Racine County Food Bank will offer gardening classes at *The Teaching Garden* located at 2000 De Koven Avenue in Racine behind the Food Bank and HALO. All classes will take place on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and be held throughout the growing season. The first class, "How to Prune Your Grape Vines", will be on May 19th. The public is invited to attend these free classes with donations encouraged to the Racine County Food Bank. A complete list of classes can be found at the Racine County UW-Extension web site, racine.uwex.edu or by calling 767-2929 and requesting a brochure.

Farm Financial Management Workshops for Women

A two-day workshop series is being held for women who are interested in learning or improving their farm financial management skills. Topics will include an introduction to the financial management model, records and recordkeeping systems, types of financial statements, analysis and interpretation of financial statements, and benchmarking of financial position and performance. Participants will also have an opportunity to network with other farm women in the area.

The workshops will be held on Monday, April 18th and Tuesday, April 26th from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Gateway Technical College-Burlington Center. Participants can choose to attend either one or both days. Registration is \$25 for one day or \$40 for both days and includes snacks, lunches, and educational materials. Information and online registration can be found at www.walworth.uwex.edu or by contacting Leigh Presley, Kenosha/Racine County UW-Extension Agriculture Educator, at (262) 857-1948 or leigh.presley@ces.uwex.edu.

Child Support & Family Court FAQ Workshop

Professionals and volunteers often hear from families that Child Support and Family Court are confusing and frustrating. As a result, the Greater Racine Collaborative for Healthy Birth Outcomes, the Fatherhood Coalition and the Racine County Touchpoints Project/UW-Extension will convene a panel on child support in Racine County on Wednesday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Racine County Ives Grove Offices Auditorium at 14200 Washington Ave, Sturtevant.

Participants will walk through Child Support scenarios such as paternity support establishment, child support enforcement, and child support custody and placement modification. In addition, participants will also help to develop strategies on how information can be shared with parents and others who are impacted by child support. The workshop is free and registration is required. For more information, visit racine.uwex.edu or call 262-767-2929.

4-H Woodworking Project Serves Area Children

Racine County 4-H's Woodworking Project made the holiday season a little brighter for many area children. Under the leadership of Project Leader George Henderson, adult volunteer leaders conducted the annual "Santa's Workshop" for members of the Racine County 4-H Woodworking Project that is comprised of youth, parents, and teen leaders. Thirty-five youth, between the ages of 5-19, dedicated five evenings to learn new woodworking skills, express their creativity, and in the end, serve others. A total of 92 wooden puzzles were designed, cut and painted, and donated to women's shelters in Racine County and surrounding counties.

4-H is the nation's largest positive youth development and youth mentoring organization. In Racine County, youth participate in community clubs, camps, and school programs where they are learning life skills and becoming responsible citizens. For more information on how to become a 4-H member or serve as an adult volunteer project leader, please contact the Racine County UW-Extension Office at (262)767-2929 or email uwextension@goracine.org.