



# Extension Connection

Monthly Highlights – January 2013

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## **WNEP to Teach at Chegwin Elementary School**

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) will teach its first sessions at Chegwin Elementary School. Four classrooms of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will have the opportunity to practice proper hand washing, learn about My Plate and taste test healthy fruits and vegetables. This is a new partnership between WNEP and Chegwin Elementary.

## **Translation Provided to Hispanic WIC Participants**

The Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) has once again partnered with Miguel Gonzales, the UW-Extension 4-H VISTA, in providing Spanish translated documents and information to Hispanic WIC participants on January 8 at the WIC clinic in Fond du Lac. The topic of “Eat Well, Spend Less” was emphasized.

## **Learn More about Money and How to Manage It**

Money Smart Week Fond du Lac County is preparing for another week of free financial education classes to help consumers better manage their personal finances. April 20 – 27, 2013, has been set aside nationwide as Money Smart Week. Fond du Lac County has been participating for 7 years in the financial public awareness educational campaign. UW-Extension Family Living Educator Michelle Tidemann is co-chair of the county planning committee, which is a collaborative effort of 36 agencies, business, organizations, schools and libraries in the county. In 2012, over 1000 individuals participated in the week-long events that were offered.

The first ever Women’s Financial Conference was held with 125 in attendance and plans for the 2013 Women’s Conference is looking to hopefully double that number of attendees. Additional classes and events for 2013 are being secured with the main venue being the Fond du Lac Public Library. Additionally, a Money Smart Kid essay contest is planned with county public and private school districts and the annual Big Read for preschoolers will be held, with parents and preschoolers receiving a book emphasizing how to manage money. Money Smart Week is a joint effort with the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank and the State of Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions. Mark your calendars, find a class of interest and learn more about money and how to manage it.

## **A Busy Time for UWEX Crops and Soils Programming**

December and January comprise one of the busiest time periods of the year for agronomic programs and presentations. Included on this winter's schedule were:

- A Review of the 2012 Growing Season at Ballweg Implement's John Deere Days in Waupun
- 2012 Dairy Forage Day at UW-Fond du Lac
- Area Soybean Conference at Royal Ridges in Ripon
- 2013 Agronomy Update Meeting at UW-Fond du Lac

In total, about 230 crop producers attended these events. In addition, both the youth Tractor and Machinery Safety Certification and the Private Pesticide Applicator Training Programs were initiated for 2013. Introduction to Beekeeping is also being offered.

Outside of the county, Mike Rankin, crops and soils agent, gave the "State of the Alfalfa Address" at the Wisconsin Crop Management Conference in Madison and led a discussion on winter rye forage usage at the Midwest Forage Association's annual conference in Wisconsin Dells.

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