



NEWS FROM EXTENSION

UW-MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION MARATHON COUNTY



Sowing Success is Underway in Marathon County

Sowing Success is a 12 week introductory course in horticulture. The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) course teaches participants how to link gardening practices and biology to prevent plant problems. Students learn how to select, grow, and maintain the health of plants, including lawns, woody and herbaceous ornamentals, fruits, and vegetables. Students learn how to apply the principles of IPM to pests, including insects, diseases, weeds, and wildlife. As they learn about how to grow plants in a way that helps them plan for gardening success, they will prevent plant problems before they start and manage issues when they happen. They will leave the course with a combination of practical gardening skills to try plus the knowledge of why they work.

Sixteen students are enrolled in Sowing Success this fall. Students prepare for each session by reading assigned chapters and watching videos hosted on the web. During the sessions, students work through hands-on activities designed to reinforce the concepts introduced in the readings and video lectures. Pictured here, students are familiarizing themselves with all the information available on a fertilizer label. Marathon County Master Gardeners provide added support in mentoring students throughout the course.

Sowing Success is an approved learning opportunity for the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program in preparation to become a Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener. The Marathon County Master Gardener Association looks forward to adding these students next year.



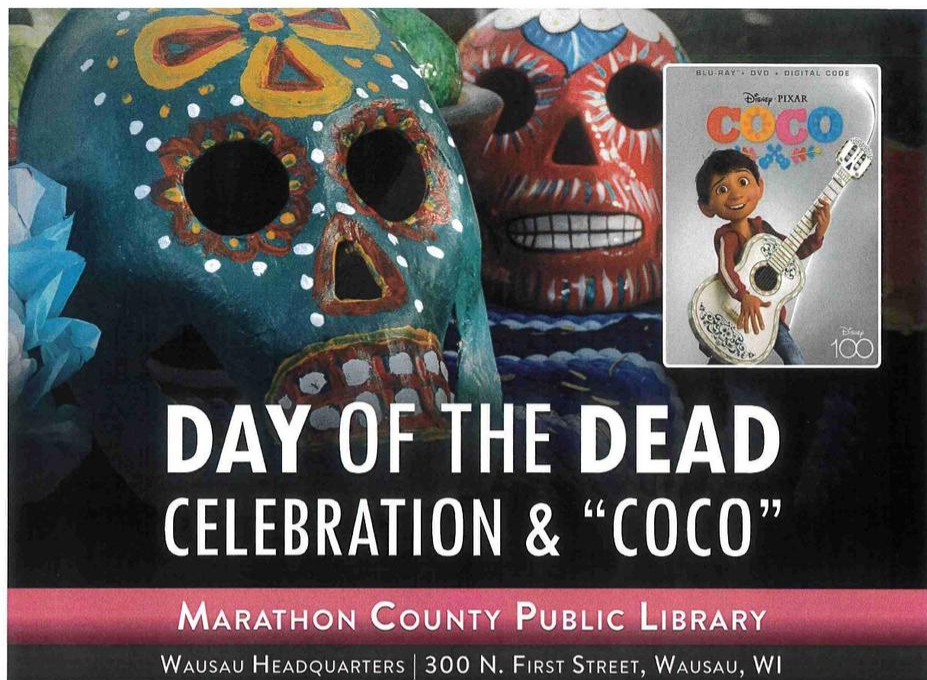
UW Madison 175th Anniversary

FoodWise celebrated UW Madison's 175th Anniversary by hosting an event at the Wausau Farmers Market, where Nutrition Educators gave out samples of healthy foods, flavored waters, and played games with those that stopped by the booth. Educators also shared recipes, budgeting tips, and farmers market shopping guides that included how to use EBT and other nutrition vouchers at the market as well as seasonality guides. FoodWise also had the State Healthy Retail Specialist available to discuss FoodWise's efforts to grow the sustainability of EBT programs at farmers markets across the state, as well as locally.



Day of the Dead and "Coco"

Join Jasmine at the Marathon County Library on October 28 from 2 - 4:30pm for a mini presentation on the Day of the Dead along with a fun activity and watch the movie "Coco". Free program but registration is required. Call 715-261-1244 or online at www.mcpl.us/events.



DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION & "COCO"

MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WAUSAU HEADQUARTERS | 300 N. FIRST STREET, WAUSAU, WI

Saturday, October 28, 2023
2:00–4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN Learn about the Day of the Dead holiday and watch the movie "Coco"!

4-H Associate Educator Jasmine Carbajal will share a mini presentation on the Day of the Dead, a holiday widely celebrated in Mexico to honor and remember those who have passed. Jasmine will also lead a fun activity, and then we'll watch the movie "Coco." (The film is rated PG with a runtime of 105 minutes.)

Registration required (free): [715-261-1244](tel:715-261-1244) | www.mcpl.us/events

715-261-7220 | info@mcpl.us



www.mcpl.us/kids

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Horticulture Programs

Wildlife Damage Primer - Wednesday, November 15. 10am and 6pm. Marathon County Public Library main branch. Free. <https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/programs/>

Lawn and Garden Winterizing - Wednesday, November 15. 1pm The Landing. Call 715-841-1855 to register for folks 55+. Free to members, \$15 for non-members.



Marathon County 4-H News

It's fall and our new enrollment year! Check out the website for upcoming 4-H activities!

Want to participate in upcoming 4-H programs like the 4-H Foodie, camps, travel experiences, projects, and more? Stay tuned to our [Facebook page](#), [bi-weekly](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Extension-Marathon County colleagues submit a monthly report to the Extension, Education and Economic Development Committee regarding their efforts? You can access those reports via the [committee meeting archives](#).

Upcoming Extension Programs

Below are some upcoming programs that Extension-Marathon County colleagues are helping to lead. Feel free to join the conversations or send to others that may be interested.

- **Horticulture Programming** - Check out our website for upcoming programs. <https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/programs/>
- **4-H Programming** - Check out our website for the upcoming programs. <https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/projects/programs/>

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<https://marathon.extension.wisc.edu/>

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