## **Strong Bones Program**

The Strong Bones program will be continuing and we are adding and expanding our class schedule. If you are interested in becoming a Strong Bones instructor please contact our office at 715-526-4863.

We have set up a new class structure, you no longer need to join at the beginning of a session. You can purchase an annual membership at \$140.00, \$70.00 for a semi-annual and \$35.00 for a quarter or 12 weeks. You can join at any time you wish!

You do not need to wait until a new quarter starts. Strong Bones is a self paced class and you can start any time!

## **JOIN NOW!!!!**



## Zion Lutheran Church 1254 S Union Street, Shawano

Mon/Wed 8:30 am – Regular class
Sue True & Nancy Schultz
Mon/Wed 8:30 am – Advanced class
Linda Olson
Tue/Thur 7:30 am – Regular & Advanced class
Kara Skarlupka

#### Sacred Heart Church 302 S Main Street, Shawano

Tue/Thur 3:45 pm – Regular class Jeanne Kaczorowski

#### Total Fitness 203 E Green Bay Street, Shawano

Mon/Wed 12:00 pm – Regular class Sue True

## St. Francis Solanus 724 Mader Street, Gresham

Mon/Thur 4:05 pm – Regular class Sandy Schinke/Jackie Schmidt

## Peace Lutheran Church N6315 County Road D, Tilleda

Mon/Thur 5:15 pm—Regular class Charlotte Schwartz

St. Paul Lutheran Church 240 E Green Bay Street, Bonduel Mon/Fri – 7:30 am – Regular class Kara Skarlupka

### Holy Family Church 202 N Ellms Street, Wittenberg Mon /Thur 4:30 pm/-Regular Class Sally Korbisch

## St. Anthony Church 430 Swanke Street, Tigerton Mon/Thur 4:30 pm/-Regular Class

Debra Brandt

Mohican Family Center N8605 Oak Street, Bowler Mon/Wed – 5:00 pm – Regular class

Hillcrest Primary School Lower Resource Room #201-202 Use Lower Level Exterior Door Mon/Wed – 4:30 pm – Regular class

If you are interested attending a class in Hatley at St. Florian's Parish please contact our office at 715-526-4863 or St. Florian's at 715-446-3085 and ask for Josie.

Lifting towards better health!!





## Working for Wisconsin Families

Shawano County UW-Extension



HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Jan.—Feb. 2019

# Invasive pest found in wreaths, prompting disposal warning!

An unwanted visitor has shown up for the Christmas holidays.

An invasive pest has been found on holiday decorations such as Christmas wreaths, and state regulators are cautioning consumers to burn them or bag the affected material and throw it in the trash after they are no longer used.

Inspectors for the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection found stock with widespread infestations before Christmas of an insect known as elongate hemlock scale at large retail outlets. The insect was not found on any Christmas trees.



The brown spots visible here on the underside of the needles of an infested trees are the "scale" covering immature insects

The agency issued immediate orders to the retailers that wreaths, swags, boughs and arrangements of evergreen boughs in hanging baskets, pots, mugs and sleighs had to be disposed.

The retailers are Menards, Home Depot, Kmart, Stein's Garden & Home, and Pick 'n Save stores. However, the agency said other retailers that purchased evergreen stock from out of the state might also have been affected.

Agriculture spokeswoman Donna Gilson said wreaths and other products from known Wisconsin suppliers would not be affected because the insect is not known to have established itself in the state.

Gilson said that anyone who purchased wreaths and other evergreen ornamentation about a week before Christmas or later from the affected stores are also not expected to be impacted.

There have been isolated discoveries of the insect during the holidays in past years before wreaths and other materials were sold to the public. This year's discovery was far more widespread, Gilson said.

The agriculture department says consumers should not place the decorations in a compost pile or set them out for brush collection. The best option is to burn the material or bag it and place it in waste containers, the agency said.

Gilson said that her agency has not coordinated disposal requirements with municipalities. But as the state's plant health regulator, officials have the authority to make such requirements.

Elongate hemlock scale is a native to Asia and has been introduced to Michigan and other eastern states.



# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



For more information on these programs or to register call the Shawano County UW-Extension office at: 715-526-4863 or 866-526-2128.

In the case of the retailers where the insect was discovered, evergreen material was found to have come from four suppliers in North Carolina. The agriculture department also was able to stop infested boughs from Virginia before they reached stores.

The Asian insect poses a threat to Wisconsin Christmas tree farms, native hemlock, balsam firs and ornamental conifers. Elongate hemlock scale saps the nutrients as it feeds on the underside of conifer needles.

Gilson said the insect itself is not likely to kill native plants but could weaken trees that could make them susceptible to other diseases. The insect has several growth stages. After hatching from eggs, "crawlers" begin feeding on the underside of needles and secrete material or a "scale" that covers them as they grow. The crawlers can infect other plants. Also, wind and birds may spread insects to new trees.

# Aging Mastery Program

## **Aging Mastery Program®** Join the adventure!



Shawano County Aging and Shawano Community Education will be running the Aging Mastery Program® soon!

- By participating in this program, you will:

   Make and maintain small but impactful changes in your health behaviors, financial well-being and enrichment in later life.
- Get REAL incentives and rewards for taking small steps that can improve your well-being.
- · Meet new friends, provide support and encouragement to your peers, and become more

### Limited spots available: Sign up now!

April 3, 2019

signed up by March 15, 2019

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## Parent's Forever—Co-Parenting Class

A class for parents in the process of divorce, already divorced, or never married but separating.

Topics of discussion include the effects of divorce, how you can help yourself and your children cope better during this stressful transition, how to co-parent so that everyone in the family recognizes how to keep children from being put in the middle, communication skills that can help you and your child(ren) lead happier, less stressful lives.

## How do these classes help families?

- The single best predictor of a child's well-being is continuing, meaningful involvement with both parents.
- Children cope well when parents cope well.
- Children to best when they are not caught in the middle.
- Children need a support system.
- These classes can help you help your children.

## **To Register**

Complete the registration form. You can get one from the County Clerk of Courts, or by calling Shawano County Healthy Families & Communities Coordinator at 715-526-4863 or email kara.skarlupka@co.shawano.wi.us

After receiving your registration form and \$15 fee, we will confirm your class date and time.

Childcare will not be provided.

Hillcrest Primary School—Shawano Next class in April, 2019—Call for dates 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Fee \$15.00

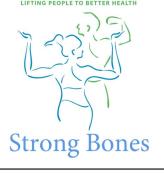
Facilitator: Kara Skarlupka Healthy Families & Communities Coordinator \*\*Resources provided by the University of Minnesota Extension

## **Shawano Community Dinner**

The "Shawano Community Dinner" is always held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Shawano. The church is located at 100 Presbyterian Street across from the post office. Serving begins at 5:30 pm and usually runs until 7 pm. The dinner is free, and open to anyone who wishes to enjoy a hot meal. There is no church service, and the dinner is always varied as it is served by various volunteer groups with in the community. If you have any questions or concerns e-mail Angie Wilber at iwanttoteach@hotmail.com or call/text to 715-851-6247.

## **Strong Bones**

We are looking at starting a Strong Bones class up in Birnamwood and Mattoon!! If you are interested in leading a class or attending please give the office a call! Once we secure an instructor and a facility we can start the class. The next instructor training is on February 28th in Stevens Point. Shawano County will pay for all expenses related to the class for training. Give the office a call and talk to Kara. 715-526-4863



## **Wisconsin Grower Training**

On January 23rd at Angie's on Main, Shawano County will be hosting DATCP's training for anyone selling produce/fruits/vegetables. Non-exempt farms will require at least one staff member to be certified. If you would like more information on if you are a non –exempt farm please call our offices. Or visit the web at: fsmaproducesafety.wiscweb.wisc.edu



You Have Questions. We Have Answers.

We are offering three free Saturday Caregiver Events all geared to answer these questions.

#### **FINANCE** How can I afford the healthcare I need?

What are my options? How can Medicare and Medicaid help?

Saturday, Jan. 5 507 E. Elizabeth St, Shawano

Listen to the Shawano County Elder Benefit Specialist answer your questions on Finances for people over age 60.

## RESOURCES

What is a CBRF? What is a RCAC? Why do social workers

Is in-home care Saturday, Feb. 9

njoy a Resource Fair with in Shawano County.

## **CAREGIVING**

How can I keep from burning out? Do others feel this way What is this illness

## Saturday, March 9 at The Main Event 206 N Lemke St, Cecil

Thomas Thibodeau Viterbo University on the stresses of caregiving and learn

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SHAWANO COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES 715-526-4680 Sponsored by Wolf River Dementia Care Network & The Forget Me Not Fund

7 E. Elizabeth St, Shawan

For more information on the WWF: Contact the Shawano County UW-Extension Office, Room 101—311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166

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