

Would you like a garden plot?

Are you a gardener with no space to garden? Arcadia area residents interested in digging in the dirt and growing food for your table are in luck!! The Arcadia School District and Trempealeau County Cooperative Extension have partnered to bring the garden experience to you.

A maximum of 48 garden plots that are 10 feet by 30 feet will be available on a first come first served basis. The area is adjacent to the school bus garage near the Arcadia High School. The garden area will have the first tilling provided and will be fenced soon after the tilling. Extra perks include a portable rest room, parking, and water for the dry season at the site. A \$20 fee per plot will cover the expenses for the services provided. Grants will be available for income-eligible families. All gardeners will be required to sign an agreement. Signed plot agreements must be completed by May 22.

Cyndy Jacoby, UWEX Family Living Educator, shared, “This is a gardening opportunity for those who want to grow both plants and friendships. We envision a garden community that shares ideas, resources, conversation, and extra garden produce with others. Our office will provide information that will help grow the garden and preserve its bounty. Gardeners will receive garden tips through short newsletters and through observation of garden techniques in the experimental garden our Extension office will tend.”

“We are excited about getting to know the garden community and sharing University of Wisconsin horticulture or gardening research,” pitched in Jon Zander, the UW-Extension Ag Agent. “I’m looking forward to also learning from our garden tenants. This is such a great community opportunity and we are grateful to the cooperation and enthusiasm shown by the Arcadia School District. I’d like to acknowledge the FFA and agriculture program under the leadership of Kevin Whalen for stepping up to offer fencing the area. We anticipate that this is just the beginning of volunteers forward to make this a community asset.”

To find out more about this project or to get your garden agreement, contact the Trempealeau County UW-Cooperative Extension Office by calling 715-538-2311, Extension 206, by emailing jon.zander@ces.uwex.edu, or by accessing the website at www.uwex.ces.edu/trempealeau .