

University of Wisconsin—Extension

2016 Annual Report



Agriculture



Community, Natural Resources, & Economic Development



Family Living & Nutrition



4-H Youth Development

Extending the resources and knowledge of the University of Wisconsin to the people of Green County

"The University in your Community..."

Meet the Green County UW-Extension Staff

Green County UW-Extension staff are faculty members of the University of Wisconsin, employed by a cooperative arrangement between the University and the county. County faculty are responsible for conducting applied research and delivering researched based information to county residents.



Mark Mayer – *Professor* – Department of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Agricultural Agent and Department Head

Major responsibilities: Develop and teach programs using research based information to strengthen the profitability and productivity of Green County farms and agri-business.



Victoria Solomon – *Assistant Professor*-Department of Community, Natural Resource & Economic Development, Community Resource Development Educator

Major responsibilities: Building capacity for economic development and natural resource protection. Supporting community leadership, organizational development, and civic engagement.



Ellen Andrews – *Associate Professor* - Department of Youth Development, 4-H Youth Development Educator

Major responsibilities: Creating opportunities for youth to develop life skills and become engaged citizens, training and supporting volunteers and community partnerships that provide positive youth development experiences.



Lisa Messer – *Associate Lecturer* – FoodWIse Nutrition Education Program, Nutrition Education Coordinator

Major responsibilities: Teaches free "Eating Smart, Being Active" lessons to eligible adults to help them make healthier food choices, save money, and be more physically active. Began teaching nutrition lessons to youth in eligible schools or after school settings in 2016.

Jayne Butts and Lana Anderson – Extension Activity Assistants

Major responsibilities: Assist in the promotion and coordination of UW-Extension programs.

Karly Ready - Student Assistant

Major responsibilities: Assist with clerical functions of office.

The staff serves under the supervision of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee. Those members are:

Ken Hodgson, Chair Oscar Olson, Vice-Chair Betty Grotophorst, Secretary Arthur Carter Kristi Leonard







March 14, 2017

Dear Green County Board of Supervisors:

Attached is the 2016 Annual Report for the University of Wisconsin Extension Office. Green County UW-Extension Agents are jointly employed by UW-Extension and Green County. This joint employment assures responsiveness to local needs, reduces county costs, and provides an important link to University of Wisconsin resources. UW-Extension faculty serve under the supervision of the Green County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee.

Cooperative Extension in Green County brings the resources of the University of Wisconsin directly to Green County residents. Staffed by UW faculty, we offer Green County residents research-based education designed to meet local needs in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family Living, Nutrition, 4-H Youth Development and Community, Natural Resource, & Economic Development.

This report highlights some of the major educational programs that were conducted by the UW-Extension faculty in Green County during 2016. The report does not include Family Living Programs due to the continued vacancy of a Family Living Educator in the county. This position, along with others in UW-Extension, are being held open pending UW-Extension reorganization guidelines for staffing that will be announced in April or May.

To give you an idea of the scope of our outreach, we've also listed the state and county organizations that we worked with this past year on the inside back cover of this document. We hope this report provides you with a better understanding of UW-Extension programs being conducted in Green County. If you have any questions about this report or our mission, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Mayer, Department Head

Agriculture Agent

Ellen Andrews

4-H Youth Development Educator

Victoria Solomon

Community Resource Development Educator

Lisa Messer

Nutrition Education Coordinator

2016 UW-Extension Program Summary Report



Mark W. Mayer

UW-Extension Agriculture Agent



Agriculture Educational Programs: Number of Participants in Parenthesis

- UW-Extension Regional Crop and Soil Health Seminar (57)
- Nutrient Management Planning Classes with Land and Water Conservation (15)
- Dairy and Livestock Facility Design/Ventilation Consultations (26)
- Taught Two Pesticide Applicator Certification Training Sessions (64 Certified)
- Master Gardeners General Training Classes: 36 Hours (12)
- Ag Plastic Recycling Program Expansion in WI, IL, IA, and MN (2,400 farms)
- Two Dairy and Beef Steer Management Clinics at Equity Livestock (61)
- Presentations to Optimists, Kiwanians, HCE and Green County Leaders on Agriculture (92)
- UW-Extension Master Gardener Gardening Seminar and Plant Sale (132)
- Ag Plastic Recycling Presentations to Woodstock Milk Producers, 4 State Dairy Conference, (300+)
- Co-Chair and Presenter for CAFO Agriculture Seminar for Wisconsin Leadership Group (21)
- 28th Green County Dairy Management Seminar (72)
- Manure Safety Workshop for First Responders (32)
- UW-Extension Podcasts for Dairy Cattle on Heat Stress (616 views from 58 countries & 26 states)

Youth and Other Programs:

- Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collection Program: (212 Households and Farms)
- Advisor for Green County Fair Dairy Youth Recognition and Livestock Auctions (211)
- Lamb/Steer Weigh-ins and Swine DNA Samples for Livestock Youth Projects (158)
- Green County Fair Support for Dairy and Livestock Superintendents
- Lecturer for University of Wisconsin Farm Short Course (37)
- Green County Youth Tractor Safety Class (30)

County/State Administration:

- Develop County Budgets and Oversight of Green County UWEX Office
- Statewide nEXT Generation Work Group for County/Tribal Structure
- UW-Extension Department of Ag and Life Sciences Professor Committee
- Mentoring Four Southern District Agriculture Agents
- Evaluation of UW-Extension County Faculty and Support Staff
- Hiring and Orientation of New Support Staff
- Blackhawk Technical College Agriculture Advisory Board and College Board Director
- Family Living Visioning Session and Shared Family Living Educator Position with Lafayette County

Media Educational Outreach

- UW-Extension Podcasts for Dairy Cattle on Heat Stress (616 views from 58 countries & 26 states)
- Green County Agri-News Newsletter sent to 805 clients, and Monthly DHI Newsletter sent to 210
- Weekly Radio Programs on Big Radio AM, Monthly "Farm Talk" Programs on WBGR FM Radio
- Articles published in WI Agriculturist, Agri-View, Country Today and Green County Newspapers
- UW-Extension Green County Agriculture Web Site: http://green.uwex.edu/agriculture/

2016 Total Direct Contacts: 8,136

Direct Contacts: Office (86) Farm Visits (37) Phone (638) Email (3,485) Group (3,890)

2016 Program Impact Statements

Agriculture Plastic Recycling Programs: Free eight cubic yard dumpsters were distributed to 2,400 farms in Wisconsin, Illinois and lowa covering 76 different counties for the exclusive purpose of recycling used Ag plastics from farms. The Ag plastic is being generated from the increased use of plastic silo bags, bunker covers and bale wraps on livestock farms. The 2,400 farms are also receiving free on-farm pick up every 4-6 weeks of their used Ag plastics. This recycling program is currently diverting 250,000 pounds (125 tons) of used Ag plastic from landfills each week. The dumpsters are saving the average farm approximately \$1,000 per year in landfill disposal and dumpster fees. Prior to this collection program over 50% of the farms were burning used plastic which is illegal and releases dioxins into the air. The recycling of the used Ag plastic is also saving over 40,000 cubic yards of landfill space annually. The Green County landfill has served as the collection and baling facility for the pilot programs and the rollout of the larger statewide program in 2016. The Green County landfill collected and baled over 3.7 million pounds of plastic in 2016. This added over \$110,000 of revenue to the County landfill budget which helps the county to keep the transfer station open for use by county residents. Plans for 2017 include placing dumpsters on another 2,500 farms in the Midwest. This is the only Ag Plastic recycling program in the United States that is free and offers on-farm pick up and it was started from two pilot programs that UW-Extension conducted in Green County in 2014-15.

<u>Dairy Management and Modernization:</u> Seventy-two area dairy farmers attended the 28th annual Green County Dairy Management Seminar organized by this agent. Topics included Dry Cow Nutrition, Dairyland Initiative Tools, Reproduction in High Producing Herds and Milk Cow Nutrition. One-hundred percent of the participating farmers indicated that the program motivated them to make changes in their operation. UW-Extension assisted 26 area dairy farmers in developing plans to modernize their housing and milking facilities in 2016. Ten of the farms modernized their facilities and expanded herd size by making improvements to or building new milking facilities, cattle housing and/or ventilation systems as a result of direct assistance from UW-Extension. Modernization of these farms increased cow comfort and milk production while also reducing labor by 15-20% per cow.

Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collection: UW-Extension secured \$11,755 in state grants to maintain a permanent Clean Sweep Hazardous waste collection program for Green County farmers and homeowners. Two hundred and twelve farmers and homeowners were able to safely dispose of 6,641 pounds of hazardous materials through a permanent collection program coordinated by this agent. The collected materials included 2,551 pounds of pesticides and poisons, 2,125 pounds of lead & oil based paints, 1,066 pounds of caustic materials and solvents, 774 pounds of aerosol cans, 75 pounds of reactives, 44 pounds of dioxins and 6 pounds of mercury. The program also recycled 320 gallons of antifreeze. The collection was done with the assistance of the Green County Solid Waste Management Board, and Landfill Manager. Grant funds secured by this agent covered 100% of the total cost of the 2016 program and a \$9,660 grant has been awarded to continue the program in 2017.

Manure Storage Safety Workshop for First Responders: In response to several recent deaths in Wisconsin involving manure storage structures and the growth of large livestock farms in the area the Agriculture Agent organized a Manure Storage and Handling Safety Training for First Responders. This event was conducted in cooperation with Green County Emergency Management. The event was held on a local farm with a total of 32 people attending representing seven fire departments and several large farms. Participants were able to learn more about manure collection and storage systems on livestock farms, the dangers and how to test for manure gases, and how to use the proper equipment needed to enter enclosed areas in manure systems on farms.

<u>UW-Extension Master Gardener Program</u>: Twelve new volunteers completed Master Gardener (MG) training and 5 earned their UW-Extension Master Gardener Certification in 2016. There are 37 certified and 50 active MG's in the Green County Master Gardener Association. In 2016 the group volunteered 90 hours toward Youth Education; 93 hours to Community Education; and 1,737 hours of Community Service in Green County. Several certified MG's serve as specialists by assisting with answering home horticulture calls that come into to the UW-Extension Office. The group also conducted a public Gardening Seminar attended by over 90 people and a plant sale to raise funds for scholarships for Green County youth.

2016 UW-Extension Program Summary Report Victoria Solomon



UW-Extension Community Resource Development Educator

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Green County Leaders

Green County Leaders (GCL) is an educational program where individuals practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues, and network with leaders in Green County. Started in 2002, this program is made possible through collaboration with community partners with educational leadership from Green County UW-Extension.

2015-2016 Class

The 2015-2016 class had 22 participants who graduated in Spring 2016, expanding the alumni network to 290 people. The 2015-2016 class completed four community projects, bringing the program project total up to 54. This amounts to over \$200,000 worth of volunteer hours donated back to Green County overy the course of the program and does include the value of successful grants by various project teams.

2016-2017 Class

The 2016-2017 class has 27 participants. They have five community projects currently under way. Through curriculum changes and a partnership with the Interactivity Foundation, these 27 GCL participants conducted 14 focus group discussions designed to assist the Monroe Arts Center in understanding how to better serve Green County communities.

Alumni

The fourth annual GCL alumni luncheon hosted over 100 participants. The event's topic was "Middle Class Philanthropist: How Anyone Can Leave a Legacy".

Team Building

Solomon partnered with the Monroe Chamber of Commerce to develop a teambuilding workshop series designed to provide professional development in response to needs expressed by several area businesses. This series consisted of sessions on Experiential Learning, Real Colors, and Emotional Intelligence. Solomon designed and taught the session on Emotional intelligence. Approximately 20 people from approximately 5 workplaces attended the series.

Green County Volunteer Network

Solomon partnered with United Way of Green County, Green County Development Corporation, the Monroe Chamber, and the City of Monroe to launch the Green County Volunteer Network in late November 2016. As of December:

- 108 volunteers were registered with the network
- 45 agencies from across Green County were registered
- 39 needs were responded to and
- 22 volunteer needs were completely fulfilled

This Network enables community members to connect with volunteer opportunities and community organizations to increase their volunteer base while easily marketing their needs. The Network also features a community calendar.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Youth In Government Program

Solomon has worked with Ellen Andrews, Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator in partnership with the City of Brodhead and the City of Monroe to continue two distinct youth in government programs. In spring 2016, 4 students from Brodhead and 4 students from Monroe successfully completed the first term of the program. The 2016-2017 program started in September with 4 youth on the City of Brodhead Council and Committees and 6 youth on Monroe Committees. Solomon and Andrews had a joint orientation for both programs and an individual orientation for each community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Belleville Market Analysis & Branding

The Village of Belleville has requested assistance with conducting a market analysis and better implementing their community brand. Solomon is working with UW-Extension specialists and Belleville community members to conduct this project. Work will start in 2017 and is anticipated to run through early summer.

NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION — WATER

Groundwater Jeopardy

Solomon partnered with Green County Land & Water Conservation Department & Southwest Badger Resource Conservation & Development to present to approximately 185 4th and 5th graders at St. Victor's and Parkside schools about groundwater conservation and protection.

Annual Drinking Water Testing & Education

Solomon partnered with the towns of York and Washington to offer a drinking water testing program with an educational session for participants to ask follow up questions, better understand their sample results, and review their options to address possible concerns. 64 households participated.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ADVANCEMENT

In spring 2016 Solomon became a certified member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. In fall 2016, she earned a rank change from "Instructor" to "Assistant Professor", through the UW-Extension Community, Natural Resource & Economic Development Program area.

SERVICE & ADVISORY POSITIONS

- Member, UW-Extension Next Gen Community, Natural Resource, and Economic Dev workgroup
- Member, Community Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee
- Member, Green County Innovation Center Steering Committee
- Co-Chair, UW-Extension Research and Studies Committee



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Ellen Andrews



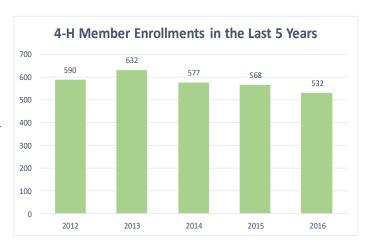
UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator

2016 was Ellen Andrews' second full year as the Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator. In this second year, Ellen's role has evolved from being focused primarily on observing and getting acquainted, to a greater emphasis on teaching and providing educational leadership.

Youth Life Skill Development

The goal of 4-H Youth Development programming is to provide engaging opportunities for young people to practice, master, and apply life skills, which translate to their broader lives, communities and careers.

The Green County 4-H Youth Development program continues to work collaboratively with 4-H adult volunteers and community partners to provide educational programming that supports life skill development. A total of 598 youth were engaged in multi-day educational 4-H youth development programs during the 2015-2016 program year, with an additional 350 non-4-H youth engaged in single day events.



Educational Response & Results

4-H Officer Training—Training was co-taught by Andrews, four adult volunteers and three youth leaders. Of the 36 youth who attended the training, representing 14 of the 18 4-H clubs:

- 72% felt more prepared to effectively carry out their 4-H officer role, citing increased skills in officer responsibilities such as creating agendas, taking notes, writing checks and being more organized.
- 81% increased their understanding of how they could contribute to creating a welcoming environment in their club and involve club members in decision making.

4-H Camp Training & Program Structure—Changes were made to improve the quality of training for high school age 4-H members, create a more supportive environment for campers, and expand camp programming to include 7th-8th graders. According to a 4-H adult volunteer...

- The changes to camp that [Ellen] oversaw were great and very needed! Having specific counselors oversee a group of specific kids made camp safer and more friendly for our younger campers. The training for counselors was beneficial...The Adventure Camp for middle schoolers appeared to be a huge success. Overall, camp this past summer was more organized and enjoyed by many Green County 4-Hers!
- 4-H Scholarship & Awards Application Process-Beginning spring of 2015, Andrews redesigned the 4-H Older Youth Awards, Scholarship & Travel Opportunities application and interview process to support building life skills through components such as resumes and interviews. Andrews offered a resume and cover letter writing workshop in the spring of 2016, in addition to providing an instructional application packet that offers samples and template documents. Since the spring of 2015, 27 youth have completed this application process. Evaluations indicate that as a result of constructing their cover letter and resume:
 - 100% of youth better understand what skills they have gained from 4-H
 - 78% of youth better understand how to put a resume together
 - 63% of youth will plan to take on a new 4-H challenge in the coming year

These program changes have resulted in improved educational impact, as demonstrated by a youth applicant, who wrote, "I really like this new application process. It teaches 4-H members more leadership skills. The resume workshop held this year helped me a lot."

Tractor Safety—The 24 hour course was coordinated by Andrews and taught by seven volunteer instructors. The 2016 course had 30 youth participants, which was an 88% increase over 2015. Evaluation results indicate that 100% of participants felt this training helped them (1) gain work-related skills, (2) consider the consequences of their choices, and (3) be comfortable making their own safe decisions.

(continued) Youth Life Skills Development

Youth in Government—The 2015-2016 school year was the first year of this program in Brodhead and Monroe, with a total of eight youth participating. As a result of their experience in this program...

- * 100% of youth participants had increased confidence to speak in front of a group and an increased comfort level in using information to make decisions.
- 75% of youth participants "definitely" plan to work on projects to better their community.

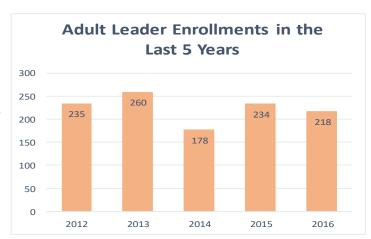
Survey results from council members, staff members and parents of youth participants all indicated that a strength of this program is that it increases youth awareness of their community and how government works.

The 2016-2017 Youth in Government program has 10 youth participating. As a result of orientations taught by Solomon and Andrews, 100% of the youth felt more prepared for their role as an appointed youth member to their local government, and 77% "definitely" planned to work on projects to better their community.

Volunteer Development

The capacity of 4-H Youth Development programs to reach approximately 1,000 youth in Green County is made possible in large part due to the efforts of over 215 adult 4-H volunteers, plus many additional community volunteers. The typical 4-H volunteer gives sixty-eight hours per year – at the Independent Sector's Wisconsin volunteer time value of \$22.48 per hour, Green County 4-H volunteers contribute over \$325,000 in value to our county.

Andrews' educational efforts that centered around deepening volunteers' understanding of practices that promote positive youth development included:



Trainings, Orientations & Presentations

New Volunteer Orientation—The Green County 4-H program is strengthened when we have a continual influx of new volunteers with new skills and ideas. It is critical these new volunteers receive adequate training in their roles and responsibilities as volunteers, as well as best practices for working with youth. During the 2015-2016 4-H year, 26 adults completed the New Volunteer Orientation. As a result of the training (n=25),

- * 76% of participants "greatly increased" their knowledge of their 4-H adult volunteer role
- * 92% of participants increased their ability to identify practices that promote positive youth development
- * 96% of participants rated this orientation as "very valuable" for volunteer leaders

Annual Volunteer Leader Training—Each chartered 4-H club/group is annually required to have at least one adult volunteer participate in some ongoing volunteer development. In 2015-16 program year, there were three different trainings available on issues of belonging, community service and youth leadership, of which 33 adult leaders attended at least one of these trainings, and ten of those leaders attended multiple trainings. As a result of the training, 77% of evaluation respondents (n=35) indicated gaining knowledge and strategies to help them better integrate the essential elements of youth development into their 4-H club/group.

County Committees Training—High functioning county committees are important to the organizational health of the program and make it feasible to increase the opportunities provided to youth. Over the last two years, Andrews has increased the educational focus of this annual training, while also providing improved communication about the responsibilities and expectations of committees. Combined evaluation results from the spring and fall 2016 trainings indicate:

- 96% of participants increased their ability to identify practices that promote youth engagement in learning
- * 92% of participants increased their knowledge of practices that support shared youth and adult leadership



2016 UW-Extension Program Summary Report Lisa Messer, RDN, CD, CLE UW-Extension Nutrition Education Coordinator



The Green County UW-Extension Nutrition Program has completed its 3rd year. The 80% FTE position was created, in part, to help combat Green County's childhood obesity rate, which exceeded the state average. The nutrition position is 100% federally funded through EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program). It is administered by Wisconsin's nutrition education program, now called "FoodWlse" http://fyi.uwex.edu/foodwise/. Green County is the most rural of Wisconsin's seven EFNEP participating counties which include: Rock, Dane, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha. FoodWlse programs empower families to eat healthier, spend food dollars wisely, keep food safe, become physically active and to "Make the healthy choice the easy choice!"

When nutrition coordinator/educator, Lisa Messer, began on January 1, 2014 there was one teaching audience (mid-lower income adults/parents) and one eight-lesson series called "Eating Smart – Being Active." Within three years' time the EFNEP emphasis has changed from:

- Conducting lessons individually in low income parent's homes to conducting group nutrition classes.
- Teaching only adults to adding school aged youth; 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6-8th grade in the classroom and grades 3-5 as an afterschool or summer program. At least 50% of youth must be eligible for free or reduced meals.
- Only parents to now including adults employed in childcare settings.

Program Accomplishments During 2016

- ENFEP enrollment of Green County adults doubled from the previous year.
- Nineteen women participated in the first "Eating Smart-Being Active" lesson series for Green County Childcare Providers; an eight lesson series for 8 educational credits.
- Worked with a Spanish speaking interpreter to conduct a very successful ESBA program with Hispanic mothers in the Brodhead community.
- Conducted successful in home lessons with a mother with cognitive & physical disabilities.
- Taught the first Green County youth EFNEP program "Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness" series to thirteen 3rd -5th graders during the Monroe school district's summer school June 2016.
- Taught "Show Me Nutrition: Fun with Food and Fitness" to 22 first graders in the Juda school district. One hour per week for eight weeks in October-November 2016.
- Taught "Show Me Nutrition: Food Groups Express" to 22 2nd -3rd graders in the Brodhead District as an afterschool enrichment program. One hour a week for seven weeks November-Dec 2016.
- Taught "Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness" to thirteen 4th-5th graders in the Brodhead school district as an afterschool enrichment program. One hour a week for seven weeks Nov- Dec 2016.
- Graduation rate during 2016 = 90% (Federal and State average = 55 & 65% respectively)

Lisa Messer continues to work with public entities such as the school districts of Albany, Brodhead, Juda, Monroe, Monticello and New Glarus; public libraries, Green County Health Department, Human Services, ADRC and Head Start. Private organization partnerships include: Family Promise, Monroe Farmer's Market, Union Presbyterian Church, Forward Service Corporation (W2), the Monroe Clinic and ten local food pantries.

Lisa participates on the Early Head Start Advisory Board, Healthy Kids-Healthy County Coalition and the CHIP Nutrition/Food Security sub-committee. Lisa updates the Green County Area Food Pantry lists which can be accessed at: http://green.uwex.edu/local-food-resources/



Summary of 2016 Positive Nutrition Behavior change in Green County Adults:

<u>Food Resource Management Practices</u>: 86% (24 of 28) participants showed improvement in one or more food resource management practice (i.e. plan meals, compare prices, not run out of food or uses grocery lists.).

<u>Nutrition Practices:</u> 93% (26 of 28) of participants showed improvement in one or more nutrition practice (i.e. plans meals, makes healthy food choices, prepares food without adding salt, reads nutrition labels or children eat breakfast).

What are Green County adult participants saying?

"Now that we understand the 'Nutrition Facts' labels we can use them to make better choices for our families." Brodhead Latina mothers group.

"I did not realize that raisins had so much sugar in them. I give them to kids a lot for snacks, maybe I'll do more fresh fruit." *Green County childcare provider*.

"I was drinking 10 cans of soda a day. Now after I saw how many calories and sugar are in soda, I cut back to 1-2 cans a day and started drinking a lot more water." *Mother of four children*.

"If you teach other classes I would like to sign up!" Green County childcare provider.



<u>Summary of Positive Nutrition Behavior change in Green County Youth: June-December 2016</u> <u>Juda, Monroe and Brodhead Schools</u>

<u>Diet Quality:</u> 78% (51 of 65) Children and youth improved their abilities or gained knowledge to choose foods according to Federal Dietary Recommendations.

<u>Food Safety:</u> 60% (39 of 65) Children and youth used safe food handling practices more often or gained knowledge.

What are Green County youth saying?

"This makes me think about my body." 3rd grade boy reading fast food labels

"Wow—I didn't think soda had THAT much sugar in it! I have to tell my Grandpa, he drinks a lot of it!" 4th grade summer school student after measuring out 16 teaspoons of sugar in a 20oz. soda.

Agencies & Groups the Green County UW-Extension Office Worked With in 2016

The Green County UW-Extension Office assists a wide variety of groups and organizations through educational programming and collaborations. Some of these groups are listed below.

- Albany Sustainable Agriculture Education Center
- Area Chambers of Commerce
- Area Childcare Centers & In-Home Providers
- Area Clergy & Churches
- Area Farm Fertilizer & Chemical Dealers
- Area Farm Implement Dealers
- Area Financial Institutions
- Area Public Libraries
- Area Optimist Groups
- Area School Districts
- Area Vo-Ag Instructors and FFA Chapters
- Barn Quilts of Green County
- Better Brodhead
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Green County
- Blackhawk Technical College
- Dairy Herd Improvement Association
- Department of Natural Resources, State & Local
- Equity Livestock
- Family Promise of Green County
- Green County 4-H Adult & Junior Leaders Inc.
- Green County Ag Chest
- Green Co. Aging & Disability Resource Center
- Green Co. Assn for Home & Community Educators
- Green County Area Food Pantries
- Green County Beef Producers
- Green County Board of Supervisors
- Green County Cheese Days Inc.
- Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction
- Green County Development Corporation
- Green County Early Head Start & Headstart
- Green County EMT & Firefighters
- Green County Emergency Management
- Green County Fair Association
- Green County Family YMCA
- Green County Farm Bureau
- Green County Master Gardeners Association
- Green County Habitat for Humanity
- Green County Health Department & WIC
- Green County Healthy Communities Coalition
- Green County Holstein Breeders
- Green County Housing & Homeless Prevention
- Green County Human Services
- Green County Landfill

- Green County Leaders
- Green County Law Enforcement Agencies
- Green County FFA & 4-H Meat Animal Auction
- Green County Mental Health Workgroup
- Green County Milk Quality Council
- Green County Pork Producers
- Green County Probation & Parole
- Green County Sheep Producers
- Green County Tourism
- Green County Zoning Department
- Green Haven Family Advocates
- GUPPY, Inc.
- Healthy Kids Healthy County
- Land and Water Conservation Department
- Leadership WI
- Literacy Council of Green County
- Monroe Clinic Hospital
- Monroe Kiwanis
- Monroe Main Street
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Pleasant View Nursing Home
- Revolution Plastics
- Southwest WI Small Business Development Center
- Southwest WI Community Action Program
- St Vincent De Paul
- Sugar River Watershed
- Town, Village and City Elected Officials & Staff
- United Way of Green County, Inc.
- USDA Farm Services Agency
- UW State Specialists
- UW-Madison Short Course
- UW-Madison Veterinary School
- WI Association of Agriculture Educators
- WI Association of County Extension Committees
- WI Cattlemen's Association
- WI Center for Agriculture Safety and Health
- WI Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection
- WI Farmer's Union
- WI Humanities Council
- WI Milk Marketing Board
- WI Towns Association
- World Dairy Expo
- Youth and Adult 4-H Volunteers and Members

