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Wisconsin Agriculturist-Master Dairy Nutrition to boost Milk Production and Farm Profitability

An article on understanding the fundamentals of dairy nutrition to help dairy producers improve milk production and profitability. (McCarville)

Safety Day Iowa and Green Counties

Two safety days to help youth and teachers better understand safety around animals, proper handling of animals, and biosecurity measures to take when around animals. The goal of this event is to help participants understand the caring for animals. (McCarville)

Wisconsin Invasive Grass Weed Study

A study to better understand the distribution and herbicide resistance of Sorghum halepense, Johnson grass, populations across Wisconsin. Results from this study will assist farmers and crop consultants with information necessary to appropriately manage invasive weeds within crop production fields. (Sattler)

Badger Dairy Insight - September Session

A webinar, one session part of Badger Dairy Insight, for dairy farmers and dairy industry professionals, where participants learned about proper semen handling and tools they need in their AI toolbox so they can have better pregnancy rates. (McCarville)

Cost of Raising Heifers Survey Planning

A statewide survey for dairy producers, where participants shared detailed records on inputs, management practices, and expenses associated with raising replacement heifers to generate updated benchmarks and highlight cost-saving opportunities, to support more informed decision-making and improve the economic sustainability of dairy operations. (McCarville)

Feed Efficiency Article Series

An article series was written for dairy farmers and advisors that explores how feed efficiency can guide decision-making, the factors that influence it, and its limitations. The purpose of this article is to support informed and strategic on-farm management related to feed efficiency data. (McCarville)

Navigating Low Colostrum Yields Article

An article written for dairy farmers and advisors that explores factors causing low colostrum yields in dairy cattle and management strategies to address it. The purpose of this article is to provide the readers with practical knowledge and strategies they can use to improve colostrum production and therefore, animal health and economic return on their farms. (McCarville)



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A Guide to Navigating Agricultural Technology Investments

Development of an article series and guide to navigating agricultural technology investments for farmers. The goal of this effort is to help farmers make informed, strategic, and economically viable decisions that fully consider all aspects of their farming operations and lifestyle. (McCarville)

Radio Spot with 95.5 WEKZ

A monthly radio spot (on two different radio stations) for dairy producers, allied ag industries, and the general public to learn about Extension publications and resources, programming updates, and available webinars or workshops in the area. The intent was to reach a broader audience with timely topics and resources in order to positively influence on-farm economic viability, knowledge and skills, and overall impression of Extension. (McCarville)

Fall 2025 Fertilizer Price Survey

A survey of agronomy retailers where they share fertilizer pricing in their areas to inform Extension programming and ensure accurate representations of current economic situations. (Sattler)

Platteville "Day on the Farm"

An event for area community members to learn about agriculture where we shared the importance of soil health practices and animal welfare on farms. Through this program, community members increased their awareness of Extension's presence in the region, and have a better understanding of how the management decisions made by farmers impact the health of their soil, crops, and livestock. (Sattler & McCarville)

Ask the Automatic Milking System Expert, Oct. BDI

A webinar for dairy farmers and advisors that answered questions about automatic milking systems (AMS) and participants were encouraged to ask questions of the AMS expert panel. The purpose of this webinar is to provide participants with unbiased, evidence-based answers to their AMS questions allowing them to make informed decisions regarding AMS. (McCarville)

Body Condition Score Article

An article written for dairy farmers and industry professionals where we discussed the importance and impact of Body Condition Score (BCS). The purpose of the article is to help farmers measure it in farm to help prevent digestible disorders at different stages of production, and to increase efficiency of the cows. (McCarville)



Community Development Educator

Victoria Solomon

Green County Leaders: Relational Leadership & Networking

Green County Leaders met at the Belleville Public Library for an engaging session on Relational Leadership and Networking. This included meeting with the Belleville Administrator to learn about the Belleville community, a leadership legacy session, a session on storytelling, and a session on effective one to one conversations and relational mapping.

Participants shared the following in response to the end-of-session survey question

"What were 2-3 most important lessons, ideas, or perspectives you will take away from this session?"

- "I will incorporate / teach my staff to tell their story. Help them understand each other better and work as a team."
- "Storytelling is a great a way to communicate effectively. The changing demographic of the county has a big impact on the challenges and solutions for the county. Being proactive for networking and relationships is really vital."
- "Legacy is more important than your achievements. Storytelling can be an amazing leadership tool. Know yourself to get to know others better."
- "Your playing small does not serve the world. Storytelling has the capacity for huge influence. Conversations with others are so important to build early on."

Pulling Together for Community Investment

Solomon partnered with Pulling Together authors Tom Mosgaller and Mike Breininger, Jeff Yost (President and CEO of the Nebraska Community Foundation), Green County Development Corporation, and the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin to host a community breakfast and workshop to learn more about creating community change. This included learning more about the creating community change framework put forward from Mosgaller and Breininger's work, as well as learning about the Nebraska Community Foundation's Transfer of Wealth program. The community breakfast had 150 participants from across communities and sectors across Green County; the workshop that directly followed the breakfast had approximately 40 participants from communities and sectors across Green County. These were both open to all community members; the session was also bilingual (English / Spanish).

In response to a follow-up survey, participants shared the following responses to the question

"What are 2-3 most important lessons, ideas, or perspectives that you will take away from this breakfast session?"

- "The power of pulling together as a community."
- "Establishing the relationships within the community prior to the need arising."
- "The internship program they offer is fantastic! Something every state should do!"
- "We overestimate what we can do in one year, we underestimate what we can do in ten years."
- "A community can create a fund that can sustain valued programs, institutions, and natural resources for its future. Relationship building around our strengths and similar interests is important to future collaboration."
- "I think the breakfast session taught me ways to garner community support and to find individuals with the same passion and connection to seek change. our program supports children across all socioeconomic backgrounds and the treatment we provide directly impacts community health. There is reason for wide community investment, we just need to find individuals to help us champion our change."

RESET Presentation at Wisconsin Towns Association's Annual Convention

Bradish, Mayerfeld, Oemichen, and Solomon presented on the RESET (Renewable Energy Siting and Engagement for Tomorrow) program at the 2025 Wisconsin Towns Association Annual Convention. This engaging presentation included overall information on energy sources, large-scale solar projects in Wisconsin, the RESET process with Green County as a case study, and information on what local government entities can do. There were two consecutive presentations provided, with a total of 110 participants.



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4-H Youth Development Educator

Ellen Andrews

Explore 4-H Day

Fall is a key time to promote 4-H and invite new prospective families to enroll in the 4-H program. Our annual Explore 4-H Day event is a free, open-house event, where prospective and new 4-H families can learn about 4-H by exploring 11 different hands-on project stations. This event was promoted via social media and a bilingual brochure distributed to elementary students throughout the county. We had 59 youth and their parents attend from 7 different communities across the county. Equally valuable is the opportunity this event offers for over 28 current 4-H members and volunteers to work together to lead these stations and share their 4-H project knowledge with others.



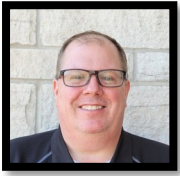
4-H Cloverbud Fall Fun Day

Green County 4-H is home to approximately 100 Cloverbud members in 5K-2 grades. Youth members at this age benefit from hands-on activities designed specifically for their developmental needs, but not all 16 local 4-H club have the capacity to lead their own Cloverbud activities.

To help insure our Cloverbuds have an fun, engaging 4-H experience, 4-H Educator, Ellen Andrews, works with a committee of adult and youth leaders to over 3-5 countywide Cloverbud programs throughout the year. This October we offered a Cloverbud Fall Fun Night centered around the theme of ghosts and monsters .

At the event, 15 youth in 5K-2 grade enjoyed expressing their creativity by decorating monster themed calming jars, practiced fine motor skills while making woven yarn ghosts and making homemade ghost themed candy. All this they did all while having fun making new friends from across Green County, including developing relationships with the numerous older youth who assisted with this event. Parents were invited to stay and help with the program, which will hopefully help prepare them to be engaged parents and helpful volunteers back in their children's 4-H clubs.





Human Development & Relationships Educator

Bob Wiegel

Re-Entry Ready Green County

Wisconsin's incarceration rate is 663 individuals incarcerated per 100,000 population. Wisconsin also has the second highest rate of black-to-white incarceration disparity in the US, as well as the highest jail incarceration rate of Native Americans in the nation. Despite the prerelease planning and case management offered at correctional facilities, many individuals are not fully prepared for release and the responsibilities and expectations that follow. Employment has been shown to have a positive impact on reducing recidivism rates as well as a positive impact when financial literacy education is combined with steady employment. To help those impacted by the legal system to successfully reintegrate into Wisconsin communities and escape the cycle of recidivism, Extension created two related resources: the Reentry Ready: Focus on Finances curriculum and the Reentry Ready website. The curriculum features eight modules that cover topics such as choosing financial products and services, dealing with debt, understanding credit, and more. The website includes resources on how to find housing, renew a driver's license or acquire another form of ID, find work, and many other topics. Anticipated outcomes of this program include participants being able to set and make a plan to achieve financial goals, create and follow a spending plan, access and understand their credit report, make a plan to pay off debts, open a bank/credit union account, and find stable housing. Among participants who completed evaluations in 2024, 87% said the course helped them learn a lot about how to track the money they have coming in and going out and 92% said they learned a lot about the first steps to take when dealing with debt. One example of something from the course that they will use: "I like the action plan for how to build credit and reach financial goals." After conducting initial interviews and explaining potential programming six individuals expressed the desire to attend the program. It will begin 11/12/25.

Financial Coaching—Green County Jail

Extension's financial coaching program provides one-on-one support that helps residents create their own plans to manage expenses, pay off debts, and save money for emergencies and to reach their goals. Participants can meet with Extension educators trained to provide coaching using the A4 model--Alliance, Agenda, Awareness, Action. Participants can meet with their coach as many times as needed to develop and implement plans to resolve their financial challenges.

The three main categories of outcomes anticipated through financial coaching are that participants will:

- Learn about local resources they didn't have in the past, e.g. how to apply for FoodShare benefits
- Learn about Extension resources they didn't know of in the past, e.g. spending plan worksheets
- Learn financial management steps that they didn't know before, e.g. steps to improve their credit.

In 2024 Wisconsin residents who received our financial coaching reported many positive changes. 94% identified specific and measurable financial goals and 81%, feel empowered to tackle financial challenges independently, suggesting that these residents can now more successfully navigate banking and other financial services. Also, 80% say that they have increased hope, confidence, or motivation since participating in financial coaching. Clients report paying off \$43,560 in debt and saving \$35,850. These positive outcomes extend beyond the coaching clients themselves. Clients reported that a total of 449 family members benefited from the positive changes that came from financial coaching. After conducting initial interviews six individuals expressed the desire to attend the program. It will be offered most Wednesdays starting 10/22/25 and will be ongoing.