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#### **Forage Fertility and Fertilizer Economics**

Presentations for attendees of the Midwest Forage Association Symposium where participants learned about fertilizer requirements and guidance for various forage crops, fertilizer economics, and the value of nutrient credits from legumes and manure. Through this effort, producers understand the importance of various crop nutrients as they pertain to forage yield and quality. They also have the knowledge needed to maximize their fertilizer dollars, and will consider strategically managing nutrient credits to lower overall cost of production and improve profitability. (Sattler)

#### **Manure Applicator Training**

A training session for manure applicators and farmers where participants learn to apply manure safely and accurately to keep themselves safe, protect the environment, and increase farm profitability. (Sattler)

#### **Nutrient Management Classes**

A series of nutrient management courses for farmers in collaboration with Green County Land and Water Conservation to teach farmers the basics of nutrient management and how to use the SnapPlus program. The goal of this program series is to educate farmers on nutrient management plans and how to generate plans for their farms. Having a nutrient management plan allows for participation in certain programs and promotes responsible commercial fertilizer and manure application. (Sattler)

#### **Dairy Margin Coverage Update Webinar**

Planning for a Webinar for Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) led by Leonard Polzin, Farm Management Outreach Specialist. By participating in DMC, dairy farmers can help protect their operations against declines in milk prices and increases in feed costs, supporting more predictable and stable income. Eligible applicants include dairy operations in the United States that produce and commercially market milk from cows. (McCarville)

#### **Save a Calf, Save a Cow Abbotsford Location**

The February 2026, an in person Save a Calf, Save a Cow dairy workshop with Spanish interpretation provided dairy producers and workers with practical skills in calving preparation, obstetric techniques, and newborn calf care to strengthen caretaker confidence and support herd health and farm economic viability. (McCarville)

#### **Livestock Radio Spot**

A monthly radio presentation on the Lafayette news on WEKZ Radio. This broadcast is used to highlight upcoming Extension programming and reach a broader audience. This would include producers, allied industry professionals, and the general public. (Lobdell)



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### **Soil Health Presentation**

A presentation for attendees of the Premier Insurance crop insurance meeting where attendees learned about the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of soil health and how they impact crop health. By learning more about soil health, growers have a deeper appreciation for their soils and will take soil health impacts into consideration when making management decisions for their farm. Enhanced soil health will improve the sustainability of farms. (Sattler)

### **Southern Corn Rust Presentation**

A presentation for attendees of the Town & Country Insurance crop insurance meeting where participants learned about Southern Corn Rust influences during the 2025 growing season and tools available to aid in making fungicide application decisions. By understanding the conditions that promoted Southern Corn Rust in 2025 and learning how to utilize tools that forecast disease pressure and potential return on investment from fungicide applications, growers will be better equipped to make timely decisions based on third-party research and data. (Sattler)

### **Pasture Power Presentation**

An in-person meeting for vet clinic clients on pasture management practices at their annual cattle producer meeting. The presentation outlined some practices that producers could do to manage their pastures to better gain yield, quality, and sustain a better environment for their cattle. (Lobdell & McCarville)



## Community Development Educator

### Victoria Solomon

#### Green County Leaders: Leadership & Democracy

In the February session of Green County Leaders, we traveled to the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to learn about state and federal government. This session included:

- Introductions to both WI Senator Marklein and WI Representative Jacobson
- A tour of the capitol, which included an engaging overview of the structure of state government
- Connecting with staff with the office of Wisconsin Governor Evers to learn more about the governor position
- Learning about how policy is made, as well as attending and observing committee meetings
- Connecting with Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Crawford to learn about Wisconsin's justice system
- Learning how to effectively connect with legislative offices
- Updates from staff from U.S. Senator Baldwin, U.S. Senator Johnson, and U.S. Representative Pocan's offices
- Connecting with Attorney General Josh Kaul to learn about the position of the Attorney General
- Legislative meetings to connect with WI Representative Jacobson
- Observing the WI Senate in action.



In response to the question "What were the 2-3 most important lessons, ideas, or perspectives that you will take away from this session?" participants responded:

- "Really enjoyable day. Awesome to learn so much about state government and seeing it in action."
- "Really interesting and informative."
- "Understanding how to talk to legislators."
- "How important it is to know who represents you in all levels of government."
- "I won't do a form email when a hot topic circulates. I will make it more personal to me."
- "Today was so informative and gave me interest in getting more involved. We have real influence and power as constituents and we should feel empowered to make a difference. Your vote matters! Remembering that each individual is a person, don't make assumptions based on party lines, etc. We all need to do more of this!"
- "Be active in government. Reach out to the government. Trust the process!"
- "Your elected officials care about your perspectives and opinions and always want to hear from you. Understanding government doesn't need to be complicated or intimidating – elected officials are people, too at the end of the day!"
- "It was nice to learn how courts work in the US and Wisconsin. Better understand the role of the Supreme Court in enforcing the laws of the US Constitution."
- "Get involved – your voice does matter."
- "I found it beneficial to hear from all branches of government as a refresher and to learn more about the roles they serve. It was also interested to learn how important constituents' voices are."
- "Every voice is heard. Be kind to staffers as well as reps. They are fighting for all of us. Also, call and let your voice be heard to enact change."

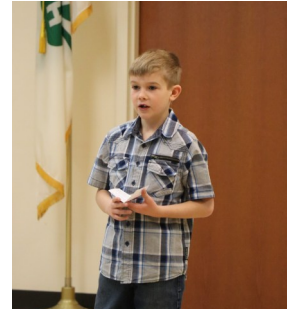


### 4-H Youth Development Educator **Ellen Andrews**

#### 4-H Communication Contest: Growing Public Speaking Skills & Confidence

Public speaking skills are highly valuable for youth as they foster confidence, improve communication abilities, enhance critical thinking, and prepare them for academic, social, and professional success. By encouraging youth to learn to express their ideas clearly, we are making them better equipped to navigate future situations requiring effective communication and leadership qualities.

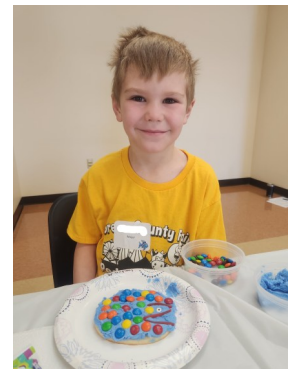
4-H Educator, Andrews, organized and hosted the annual 4-H Communication Contest, open to all 4-H members in 5-year-old kindergarten through high school. Youth can select from presenting prose or poetry, or a traditional speech or demonstration on a topic of their choice. This event provided 13 youth with the opportunity to develop and polish their public speaking skills in a supportive and encouraging environment. The audience was treated to an entertaining variety of topics and presentation formats, from youth of all ages.



#### 4-H Cloverbuds: Fun with Books

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 ensure our Cloverbuds have an fun, engaging 4-H experience, 4-H Educator, Ellen Andrews, works with a committee of adult and youth leaders to offer 3-5 countywide Cloverbud programs throughout the year.

This February we offered a Cloverbud Workshop built around the children's book, "The Rainbow Fish." At the event, 15 youth enjoyed hearing a children's book read aloud to them, and then doing both a food decorating and a visual art activity based on the book. Youth used a variety of fine motor and creativity skills, all while having fun making new friends from across Green County. Andrews recruited and provided 4-H volunteers and youth leaders with coaching in developing and teaching the activities. This type of supported leadership opportunity for adults and youth will hopefully help prepare them to be more engaged volunteers in their 4-H clubs and beyond.





## Human Development & Relationships Educator **Bob Wiegel**

### Financial Coaching Green County - Jan/Feb 26

A coaching program for families and individuals, where participants learn how to create financial goals and gain money management skills. The goal of this program is to enable participants to prepare for and take charge of household financial situations that occur due to changes in income or unforeseen hardships.

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 (process to reach goals) that they didn't know before, e.g. steps to improve their credit.

In 2025, Wisconsin residents who received our financial coaching reported many positive changes. 94% identified specific and measurable financial goals and 69.5% feel empowered to tackle financial challenges independently, suggesting that these residents can now more successfully navigate banking and other financial services. Also, 71% say that they have increased hope, confidence, or motivation since participating in financial coaching. Clients report paying off \$58,085 in debt and saving \$75,490.

### Re-Entry Ready Green County-02/26

An 8-module class that provides people reentering communities with tools and tips for managing bills, identifying & prioritizing payments for both legal system-related debt and consumer debt, creating a spending & savings plan, understanding credit scores & reports, choosing financial products and services, and building other financial competencies. Through this, participants strengthen their financial literacy to support a prosperous reentry to their community.

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 these topics: choosing financial products and services, tracking income and benefits, paying bills, saving, budgeting and getting through the month, dealing with debt, understanding credit, protecting your money, insurance, and retirement.

The website includes resources on how to find housing, get their drivers license renewed or acquire another form of ID, find work, file taxes, open a bank account, apply for public benefits, find free or affordable medical care, and many other topics. It also features 14 county-specific resource guides (with more being added once or twice a year). The site also includes a downloadable action tracker that allows participants to plan the steps they'll take to manage their finances.