



Regional Crops & Soils Educator

Jordyn Sattler

Regional Dairy Educator

Jackie McCarville

Regional Livestock Educator

Casey Lobdell

Insect Trapping Network

Participating in an insect trapping network to assist Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the UW entomology lab monitor incoming pest populations and forecast potential damage to crops. Through this effort, timely notifications will be distributed to producers who will then have local information to help guide their pest scouting and make more timely and effective pest management decisions. (Sattler)

A Clearer Picture: Using Ultrasound to Detect Respiratory Issues in Calves

A Badger Dairy Insight webinar for dairy producers and veterinarians, where participants learned how to use calf lung ultrasound to detect respiratory disease earlier and make more informed treatment and management decisions to improve calf health, reduce antimicrobial use, and enhance long-term herd performance. (McCarville)

Wet Spring Planting Considerations - WI Shopper

An article for the agriculture community where readers learned about special factors to consider when planting corn during a wet spring season, including monitoring soil temperature and evaluating when soil is "fit" to plant. Through this effort, producers will invest the time to ensure their planting conditions are suitable and set their crop up for success throughout the rest of the growing season. (Sattler)

April Artificial Insemination Course

An artificial insemination course for dairy and beef producers, where they learned how to breed their own cattle. Through this program, producers will be able to save money and increase reproductive rates by breeding their own cattle in a timely fashion. (McCarville & Lobdell)





Community Development Educator

Victoria Solomon

Green County Leaders: Leadership & Land Stewardship

At the April Green County Leaders session participants learned about the importance of agriculture and land stewardship in Green County. The day started at Kuhn North America. Jordyn, Jackie, and Casey provided a very well-received overview of agriculture and the food system. From there, participants learned from a local cheesemaker about cheesemaking. Participants also toured Kuhn North America, learning more about the variety of businesses in Green County supporting agriculture. This also emphasized learnings about entrepreneurial leadership and the value of having local businesses with international connections.

In the afternoon, Markham collaborated with Tonya Gratz with Green County Land and Water to provide an educational session on the natural resources in Green County and the role of community leaders in being strategic in community planning. This involved a fun, interactive land use game. From there, participants took a tour of Williams Bedrock Bovines to learn more about dairy farming.

Participants shared the following in response to the question "What are your biggest lessons or takeaways from today's sessions?"

- "Agriculture and supporting agriculture is essential to Green County and it's important to continue to plan for that in the future."
- "Agriculture has evolved immensely from where it first began and continues to do so every day. Practicing responsible stewardship of natural resources and land is not only essential for preserving what we have, but also for improving it for future generations."
- "Land stewardship and its roll in my everyday life."
- "The land conservation efforts are extremely interesting and was fun to explore."
- "How I can help support local farmers."
- "Today was very educational. We live in an ag heavy area and I knew very little about it so it was great to learn more."
- "If you live in rural areas it is very important to test your well water once a year."

Other comments included:

- "One of the best days yet! I loved the land use game and farm tour."
- "Loved it!"

Green County Board Onboarding Workshop

An onboarding workshop for the new Green County Board members, where participants learned about their roles as county board members to welcome them on to the Green County Board.





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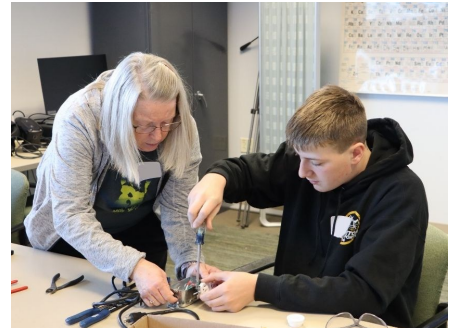


4-H Youth Development Educator

Ellen Andrews

4-H Exploration Day with BTC

Green County 4-H aims to provide opportunities for youth to explore a variety of interest areas through hands-on workshops that engage youth in new and meaningful learning. Andrews partnered with a Blackhawk Technical College instructor, along with 4-H volunteers and Extension Educators, to offer a 4-H Exploration Day at the Blackhawk Technical College campus in Monroe. The event was open to 4-H and non-4-H youth in 3rd grade and older. The event offered 23 different sessions, spread over three different morning periods. We had 72 youth register for this program. In post session surveys, 83% of responding participants (N=130) indicated that they learned something new in their session, and 78% of participants indicated that they want to learn more about the topic of the session. This opportunity was made possible thanks to the 13 adults and 8 older youth that volunteered to teach sessions.



4-H Camp Staff: Interviewing for an Important Job

The 4-H Camp program uses both adult volunteer and high school age youth to provide most staff positions at camp. These youth staff positions are unpaid and are designed to provide more support for campers and increased leadership opportunities for older youth. Andrews worked with a team of adult volunteers to create an interactive, small group interview process. This year's 14 youth staff applicants participated in discussions on a variety of key camp topics, while also demonstrating their skills to work together to create a positive environment for younger youth at camp. As a result of this process, youth staff get a jump on the training necessary to be strong youth staff members, and Andrews, with support of the adult volunteer team, was able to make decisions on filling youth staff positions based on needs of the program and on the skills of the interested applicants.





Human Development & Relationships Educator **Bob Wiegel**

Encouraging Financial Conversation March-April 2026

This month, Wiegel completed a six-week professional development course titled *Encouraging Financial Conversations*. The course consisted of six sessions designed specifically for social workers and case managers. Participants represented a wide geographic area, including Green, Lafayette, Grant, Iowa, Richland, and Crawford counties, creating opportunities for rich discussion and shared learning across communities.

Throughout the course, participants developed practical skills to support clients experiencing financial difficulties. The training emphasized strategies for initiating respectful, effective financial conversations and increasing confidence when addressing sensitive money-related topics. Overall, the program strengthened Wiegel's ability to assist professionals who work directly with individuals and families navigating financial challenges.

Financial Coaching April 2026

This month, Wiegel provided financial education programming at the Green County Jail, working with a total of five participants. Each participant attended two instructional sessions focused on building practical money management skills. The setting allowed for individualized discussion and support, helping participants stay engaged and apply the material to their own situations.

During the sessions, Wiegel guided participants through the basics of saving and spending plans and worked with them to create usable, realistic budgets. Emphasis was placed on understanding income, tracking expenses, and setting attainable financial goals. The program was designed to equip participants with tools they can use both during incarceration and upon reentry into the community.