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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)

Anaplasmosis and Theileriosis: Similar Signs, Different Responses

A research-based article for the Wisconsin Agriculturist Magazine, Livestock Insight column to help readers increase their understanding of biosecurity management between two diseases, both of which have significant impact to the farm's profitability and sustainability. (Lobdell)

New World Screwworm

A news post on New World screwworm for livestock producers, where they learn about what screwworm is, what to look for, how to prevent it, and Wisconsin guidance on animal movement so producers can keep their herds healthy. (McCarville)

High Oleic Soybeans Field Days

Planning and preparation for field days around the state of Wisconsin focused on the use of high-oleic soybeans (HOSB) for dairy farmers and agriculture professionals. During these field days, participants will increase their HOSB related knowledge through educational sessions, facility tours, and peer-to-peer learning. The goal of this effort is to help farmers and their advisors make informed, strategic, and economically viable decisions regarding HOSB adoption and use. (McCarville & Sattler)

Farm Technology Days 2026

An event that included in-person demonstrations and interactive tabletop discussions during Farm Technology Days for beef producers – 6 sessions. These activities aimed to help participants gain awareness of management practices that influence the economic viability of their farms, including better understanding the impact of meat quality and yield grade on final saleable product. Other topics included animal health product handling and biosecurity. (Lobdell)





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Manure Composting Field Day

A field day for producers interested in composting manure to learn about different compost pile management techniques and the benefits of composting on hauling/spreading logistics, weed seed destruction, forage production, and soil health. Through this event, producers gained a better understanding of the process and developed more confidence to try composting manure on their own farms. (Sattler)



Presentation High Oleic Soybeans Field Day

A presentation for dairy farmers and forage growers that explains the background and importance of high-oleic soybeans in dairy nutrition. Participants learn the differences between conventional and high-oleic soybeans, allowing them to evaluate the addition, use, or improvement of this ingredient in their operations. (McCarville)

August 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. (Lobdell & McCarville)

Alfalfa Nutrient Removal Project

A study to better understand how nutrient removal differs between alfalfa grown in fields with different soil nutrient levels. Results from this study will help inform and guide the University professionals analyzing alfalfa fertilizer updates in the new Nutrient Application Guidelines for Field, Vegetable, and Fruit Crops in Wisconsin. (Sattler)

Beef Cow/ Calf Pasture Walk

A pasture walk aimed at beef cow/calf producers that are interested in a rotational grazing system. Participants learned about weed control to optimize forage, fly and tick updates to keep their cattle healthier, and some economic benefits to production or management practices in beef cattle. Altogether participants were reminded that management practices and different operation styles can work in each of their enterprises, and change can be a good thing to make beef more efficient. (Lobdell)





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Beef Cow-Calf Workshop–Vernon County

A workshop for beef cow-calf producers where participants learned about pasture weed management, bovine pregnancy checking technologies, considerations for culling cows, and cattle handling facilities for low stress handling to help them improve profitability and operation viability, and safety for people and livestock. (Lobdell)

Southwest Wisconsin Grazing Network

Planning and developing the Southwest Wisconsin Grazing Network in collaboration with local Land Conservation Departments and other grazing groups. The goal is to establish a network of farmers who are interested in pasture and grazing management to share experiences and information to improve grazing efforts throughout the region. (Sattler)

Cover Crop Field Day

A field day for crop producers where participants learned about diverse cover crops and how they can be utilized to retain soil nutrients, minimize weeds, and improve soil health. Through this experience, producers gained knowledge and interest in trying different cover crops that can help achieve their production and sustainability goals. (Sattler)





Human Development & Relationships Educator

Bob Wiegel

Financial Coaching- Green County Jail- 8/12/26

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, and 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 (process to reach goals) that they didn't know before

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. Clients report paying off \$58,085 in debt and saving \$75,490.

Planning AHEAD- Summer 26- Argyle

Communities report increased requests for public assistance among older adults who are newly living alone, putting a strain on local budgets. Proactive planning for end-of-life decisions and care can prevent these financial and emotional burdens. In response to this need, Extension developed a comprehensive end-of-life program called Planning AHEAD (Advance directives, Handling financial changes, Estate Planning and Arriving at Decisions for the end of this life). The Planning AHEAD curriculum covers seven topics: Getting Started, Handling Financial Changes, Advance Directives, Estate Planning, Choices in End-of-Life Care, Final Wishes, and Understanding Grief. The course is typically delivered in one-hour sessions once/week for seven weeks. Among survey respondents who took the course in 2025, 99.5% learned enough in the course to move forward with planning and 99.5% will tell a friend or family member about something important they learned during this program.

Scam and Identity Theft Prevention 8/10/26

Members of the Green County Healthy Coalition Committee meet frequently to discuss current topics of concern in the county. During these meetings members are asked to present pertinent information deemed important for county residents. Wiegel was asked to present the Scam and Identity Theft Prevention program that he has been providing throughout the county. Through these classes participants improve their ability to make financial decisions, achieve their goals, and effectively manage their money.



Focus on Fathers parenting program 2026

Despite recent advances in research on fathers' roles and unique contributions within families, fathers remain underserved in family-based programming (Panter-Brick et al., 2014). This is due to barriers originating from community partners, cultural norms, legal structures, and fathers' abilities or desires to participate. Yet, fathers' contributions to child and family well-being are critical.

After data analysis from a statewide fatherhood needs assessment, Extension faculty, specialists and educators learned that fathers are interested in direct parenting education and opportunities to connect with and learn from other fathers. As a response a team created the Focus on Fathers parenting program.



4-H Youth Development Educator

Ellen Andrews

4-H Camp: Challenging Youth to Grow

Overnight camp experiences provide powerful learning opportunities for all involved, including campers, counselors and volunteers. Offering multiple camp programs creates a scaffolded camp experience that build upon youth's growing camp skills, as well as their teamwork, responsibility and leadership skills.

Green County 4-H was excited to offer four different camp experiences this summer, including:

- Cloverbud Day Camp (1 morning at Kiwanis Youth Cabin) for Grade 5K-2
- Base Camp (4 days at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center) for Grades 3-6
- Adventure Camp (4 days at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center) for Grades 7-8
- Outpost Camp (4 days at Perrot State Park) for Grades 9-12

In total, we had 54 Green County youth participate as a camper at one of this camps, in addition to 9 youth and 9 adult volunteers involved in providing key leadership for one or more of these camp experiences. Our annual Cloverbud Camp is annually planned by our 4-H Intern, as their final program of the summer. This year's campers enjoy playing nature bingo, while on a hike through the woods just west of Monroe, along with crafts and camp songs.



This was our second year offering 4-H Adventure Camp at the same time and location as our traditional 4-H Base Camp. The 4-H Adventure Camp introduced our 7th and 8th graders to tent camping and cooking over a campfire, and involved more hiking and canoeing activities, while 4-H Base Campers stay in cabins and enjoy family style meals in the dining hall.

Holding both camps at the same time and location allows 6th graders to get a glimpse at the new, fun challenges that Adventure Camp will offer them next year, and encourages 8th graders to talk some of our high school base camp counselors about applying for Youth Camp Staff next year. These intentionally created touch points are helping to improve youth retention within our camping program moving forward.





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Finally, Outpost Camp was held in partnership with Rock County 4-H for the first time. Both counties brought a wealth of camping experience and enthusiasm. We are hopeful we can see this partnership continue in future years.

Camp is all about challenging youth to grow, and that doesn't just include our campers. Our youth camp staff all participate in 6-10 hours of training, which they all strongly agreed provided them with the necessary training, resources and support to be an effective youth staff member at camp. As a result of the 4-H Camp Staff experience this year, all of our camp staff also said they increased their leadership skills, as demonstrated by such comments as:

- I think I definitely got better in my decision making, quick reacting skills, and improv skills. I think I have found a great balance between fun and productive.
- I have a lot more confidence when it comes to handling conflict.
- I am more organized and can handle being under more pressure.

When asked to share what about their camp experience was most meaningful to them, youth staff shared:

- I love being able to see my campers grow, step outside their comfort zone. Also having the adults to lean on this year was awesome.
- One thing I really love about this group of campers is how they are willing to help each other all the time. No matter what going on they always want to do something that will make a positive impact on someone else.
- I find it so meaningful when I gain enough trust from the people around me to feel comfortable talking to me. I just want people to have fun in new spaces. And I think an important part of that is having fun with the people in that new space.

In Green County 4-H, we are building a strong camp culture that celebrates the value and importance of youth-adult partnerships. We are extremely appreciative of all the youth staff and adult volunteer staff that have made this possible.

