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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)

Farm Experiences with Dairy Tech, Sept. BDI

A webinar for dairy farmers and advisors that featured a panel of dairy farmers sharing their real-world experiences with technology for dairy production. The purpose of this webinar was to provide participants with real-world experiences and a peer-learning opportunity regarding practical uses of technology on dairy farms for animal and production system management and monitoring. (McCarville)

Transition Cow Management-WI Shopper

A regular column that rotates between the Livestock, Crops and Soils, and Dairy educators in the Wisconsin Amish Shopper newspaper, which reaches Amish and Mennonite families in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. An article on transition cow management was written. (McCarville)

Wisconsin Extension Weed Management Workshop

A workshop for farmer and agronomists, where attendees learned how to better manage herbicide resistance and use pesticide adjuvants. Through this workshop, farmers and agronomists will have gain knowledge to improve weed management efforts. (Sattler)

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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)

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, McCarville & Sattler)



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)

Wisconsin Agriculturist Article

An article for beef producers on the grazing of corn stalk residue on crop fields post-harvest. Articles such as this one keep relevant and up to date research and findings within the industry at the producers' fingertips. Producers can take this information and utilize it on their operations as they see fit to make economic impacts, better manage cattle, and make environmental use of land. (Lobdell)

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Community Development Educator

Victoria Solomon

Green County Leaders Session 1: Leadership & Growth Mindset

This was the first in-person session of the 2026-2027 Green County Leaders (GCL) program year. We spent the day at New Glarus Home, learning about New Glarus, demographic trends, effective communication, strengths, and team building.

Participants shared the following comments and reflections on the day:

- "Met some new people! It was a lot of information, loved the colors and teambuilding."
- "The day was great and I learned a lot about the different personalities."
- "Great advice on leadership and insight about my personality."
- "Don't be afraid of new people. Know how to support and work with other personality types."















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4-H Youth Development Educator

Ellen Andrews

4-H Record Books: Plan, Reflect & Recognize

4-H Record Books are a valuable educational resource that offers opportunities for our members to reflect on their learning, develop life skills of planning and record keeping, and be recognized for their growth. Green County 4-H believes in this tool so strongly that the program policy, which is regularly reviewed in consultation with 4-H leaders, requires that all returning members in 3rd grade and older complete a 4-H Record Book to remain a member in good standing. 4-H members also have an option to submit their 4-H Record Book for county review, where youth receive feedback on their book and are considered for recognition based on the overall quality of their book, project learning and 4-H participation.

Over the last few years, concerns from leaders, parents and youth had arose that the current 4-H Record Book resources were no longer adequately meeting our members needs. There was a strong desire for the books to be less confusing, more developmentally appropriate and more focus on educational growth.

In August 2025, 4-H Educator, Ellen Andrews, pulled together a committee of interested leaders, parents, grandparents and youth to explore how improve the Green County 4-H Record Book tools. The committee had participation from 7 different clubs across the county, with an array of 4-H Record Book and professional experiences.

Andrews worked closely with the committee to develop four new 4-H Record Book tools, specifically designed to build off of one another and be developmentally appropriate for each age group: grades 5K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-13. The committee gathered feedback on the newly develop tools and made revisions, before publishing them for use in 2026. The committee also worked with Andrews to revise the 4-H Record Book recognition process to align with the new Record Book tools.

The new 4-H Record Book tools have been very well received. Numerous parents have expressed how much they and their children have appreciated the new format. We have also seen an over 70% increase in the number of 4-H Record Books that have been submitted to the county for review, including 47 Cloverbud books and 100 books of youth in 3rd grade and older. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of at least 7 youth leaders and 20 adults, each book is being reviewed and provided personal feedback. Youth who received awards for the Record Book reflection and record keeping efforts will be recognized in a 4-H Awards Ceremony on November 15th.

Through the 4-H Record Book process, the youth members also provide us with important feedback on their 4-H experiences at the club and county level. This compiled data is shared with 4-H club leaders and used to help us improve 4-H programming.

4-H Promotion at Green County Cheese Days

Green County 4-H participated in the Children's Parade and Kid's Street activities, where Cheese Days participants could learn about the opportunities for youth to get involved with our 4-H program.





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Human Development & Relationships Educator

Bob Wiegel

Financial Coaching

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. 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. Also, 71% say that they have increased hope, confidence, or motivation since participating in financial coaching. Two residents of the Green County Jail participated in two Financial Coaching sessions each. One is a resident of Green County and one is resident of Lafayette County.

Scam and Identity Theft Prevention

Many Wisconsin residents participate in programs offered by nonprofits and social service organizations that may include incentives or requirements to engage in financial education offered through partners such as UW-Madison Extension. Participants in these programs need to complete Extension's financial education before receiving specific services provided by the social service organization (e.g. zero-interest auto loans). These lessons are to support educators' ability to meet requests from local partners for one-time financial education classes and to provide educators with a menu of lessons they can proactively suggest to them. Increase and/or maintain partnerships with local organizations through structured, research-based financial education classes that provide just-in-time information on topics like record keeping, saving on groceries, and preventing identity theft. 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.