



The Wisconsin Idea:
*"The boundaries of the University
 are the boundaries of the State."*

Dunn County UW-EXTENSION 2016 Annual Report



About Us

We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities. Stop by the UW-Extension office to chat with our staff on current project or programs today!

Our Services



Agriculture

Strengthens and foster competitive agriculture while conserving and protecting natural resources.



Family Living

Enriching the lives of Dunn County families through education & community connections.



FOODWISE

To advance healthy eating habits, active lifestyles, and healthy community environments for families through nutrition education.



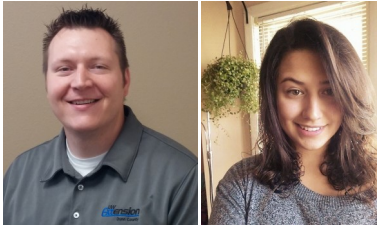
4-H Youth Development

Enhances the lives of members and their families while strengthening Dunn County's communities through volunteer service, civic involvement, and programing.

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and American with Disabilities (ADA) requirements



UWEX DUNN COUNTY 2016 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Jason Hausler

4-H Youth Development Agent

Stephanie Hintz

4-H Program Assistant

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Dunn County 4-H Youth Development program empowers youth in grades K-13 to reach their full potential as a community across the county while learning citizenship, leadership, and life skills. For more than a century, Wisconsin has been a leader in 4-H youth development, giving young people throughout the state an opportunity to learn new skills, gain self-confidence and contribute to their communities. Members learn by doing through hands on projects, activities, and volunteer certified adult mentorship. 4-H's history and roots are in agriculture, but today's 4-H programs have a new focus on healthy living, personal growth, science, engineering, and technology. This is done through the traditional 4-H community club program, after school partnerships and other various community youth programs.

FAMILY LIVING

Family Living Programs provides leadership to promote education, resources and partnerships that create an environment where families and their communities can thrive. Today's diverse families form the foundation of these strong Wisconsin communities. By responding to the challenges facing today's families with evidence-informed programs and practices, as well as local knowledge, Kristen is helping to create an environment where families have the information, skills and assets they need to improve their quality of life and contribute to the Dunn County Community. In 2016, Kristen partnered with over 90 family serving professionals to improve conditions for families. Kristen also reached over 720 parents and professionals through face to face contact to further their parenting and/or relationship skills with children.



Kristen Bruder

Family Living
Educator

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Program aims to make Wisconsin agriculture strong and competitive while conserving and protecting natural resources. Education about agriculture, horticulture and natural resources protects our economy, our food supply, our natural environment and our future. As an Agricultural Agent, Katie assists constituents in Dunn County to utilize UW research and information to solve problems and take advantage of new business opportunities. Her work with clientele looks to balance farm profitability and production of high quality food, horticultural crops, fiber, and plant material with protection of the natural environment.



Katie Wantoch

Agriculture Agent,
*Specializing in
Economic Development*



Sandy Tarter

FoodWise Coordinator

Karen Fritz

FoodWise Educator

FOODWISE

FoodWise is a UW- Extension nutrition education program that helps limited resource families and individuals choose healthful diets, purchase and prepare healthful food and handle it safely, and become more food secure by spending food dollars wisely. We EXPOSE people to new fruits and vegetables and why they are important. We TEACH parents how to plan and prepare healthy meals. We EMPOWER families with limited financial resources to choose healthful diets and become more food secure by spending food dollars wisely. We SUPPORT communities in making the healthy choice, the easy choice where people live, learn, work and play.

THE WISCONSIN IDEA



Our **PURPOSE:** We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.



Our **VISION:** To be a thriving, well-known and sought-out educational resource that reflects the rich diversity of the state.



Our **VALUES:** We strive to live by Life long learning, Community, Discovery, Inclusiveness, Relationships, and Respect.

Our educational program areas demonstrate how these fundamental principles become reality through the work that we are doing for Wisconsin residents.

Our educational programs are developed and measured against our strategic directives, aiming to build:

- Stronger communities
- Food safety, security and health
- Resilient and productive environments
- Thriving youth, families and communities

The Mission of UW-Extension

Through the University of Wisconsin-Extension, all Wisconsin people can access university resources and engage in life-long learning, wherever they live and work.

Fundamental to this mission are UW-Extension's partnerships with the 26 UW campuses, the county and tribal governments, and other public and private organizations. Fulfilling the promise of the Wisconsin Idea, UW-Extension extends the boundaries of the university to the boundaries of the state and helps the university establish mutually beneficial connections with all its stakeholders.

For millions of Wisconsin individuals, families, businesses and communities, UW-Extension is the doorway to their public university, enabling them to: Achieve personal growth, professional success and organizational effectiveness through formal and informal learning; Address the changing needs of the state and society by applying relevant university research; and Gain greater access to educational, cultural and civic resources through the use of technologies.

In addition, UW-Extension supports the University of Wisconsin System mission by: Providing strong leadership for the university's statewide public service mission; Integrating a scholarly approach to outreach across many academic disciplines; and Addressing the specific educational needs of under-served, disadvantaged and non-traditional students. Approved by UW Board of Regents Sept. 10, 2004.



"I shall never be content until the beneficent influence of the University reaches every family of the state."

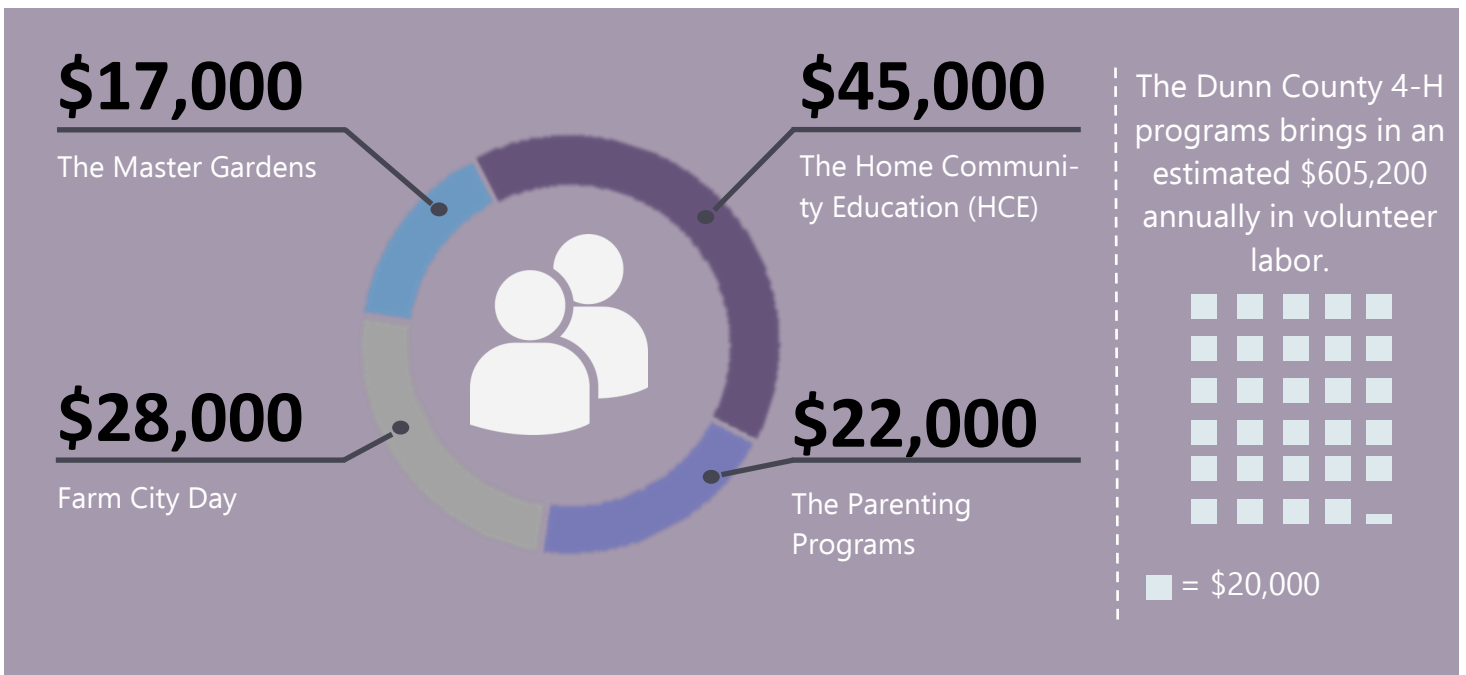
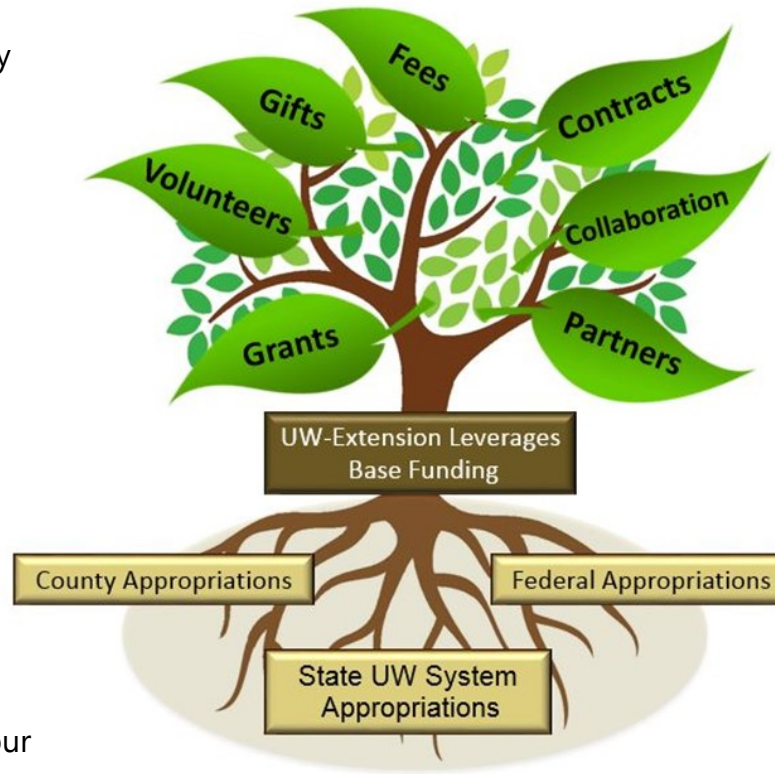
**- Charles Van Hise,
UW President, 1905**

Every \$1 invested in Dunn UWEX yields \$4.21

Total volunteer value to Dunn County: \$717,200

The work of UW-Extension can be far-reaching because of our work to empower local volunteers. Dunn County UWEX meaningfully engages volunteers to deliver high-quality educational programs, and has for a very long time, giving them the tools and confidence to extend the outreach of our programming. This investment in volunteers allows us to be good stewards of our state and county resources—creating greater citizenship engagement and increasing the work we can accomplish within Dunn County. Each volunteer is provided training in order to ensure the quality of the service they provide, increasing their commitment and their impact.

Each hour a volunteer serves is worth \$23.00 in Wisconsin, according to Independent Sector, an organization that studies volunteer contributions to organizations. The graphs on this page represent the added value that our work with volunteers and the hours our volunteers provide to Dunn County. The added value of volunteers helps us to provide more on less. If you would like to learn more about our volunteers or what they do, please let us know!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH BY NUMBERS

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Dunn County UWEX supports 30 Community Clubs

14 Community 4-H Clubs, (including 22ers, Cedarlings, Colfax Comets, Connorsville Comets, Elk Meadow, Hay River Helpers, Ideal, Knapp Valley, Little Elk Creek, Menomon Helping Hands, Millroad Rocks, Missouri Valley, Rock Falls Rockets, Willing Workers), 11 HCE Chapters, Master Gardener Volunteers & Master Food Preservers Clubs.

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UWEX educators have collaborated with 25 community agencies

Bridge to Hope, House of Hope, Catholic Charities, Churches, Children's Service Society, Eau Claire Family Resource Center, Head Start, Stepping Stones, Workforce Resource, Arbor Place, Positive Alternatives, United Way, Red Cross, West CAP, Mayo Health Systems, Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Menomonie, UW-Stout, Chippewa Valley Technical College, Dunn County Farm Bureau and Young Farmer Agriculturist, Main Street Menomonie & School Districts.

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UWEX educators collaborated with 22 County entities

W2, 8 Senior Meal Sites, WIC, Public Health, Immunization Clinics, CJCC, Juvenile Justice Subcommittee, Birth-3, Diversion Court, Energy Assistance, the Dunn County Fair Board, Human Services Department of Children and Families, Fish & Game, Land and Water Conservation and the Economic Development Corporation.

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UWEX educators led or participated in 12 community committees

Dunn County Soil and Water Health Partnership, Western Wisconsin Ag Lenders, Chippewa Valley Farm-City Day, Dunn County Dairy Promotion Committee, CVTC Farm Production Management Program Advisory Committee, Emergency Food & Shelter Collaborative, Resiliency Committee, Truancy Prevention, Dunn County Health Watch, Dunn County Partnership for Youth's teams, including: Eat Well Dunn County, Parent Education and Resource, Community Forum, Environmental & Youth in Action.



FOOD WISE
Healthy choices, healthy lives.

nEXT GENERATION OF EXTENSION

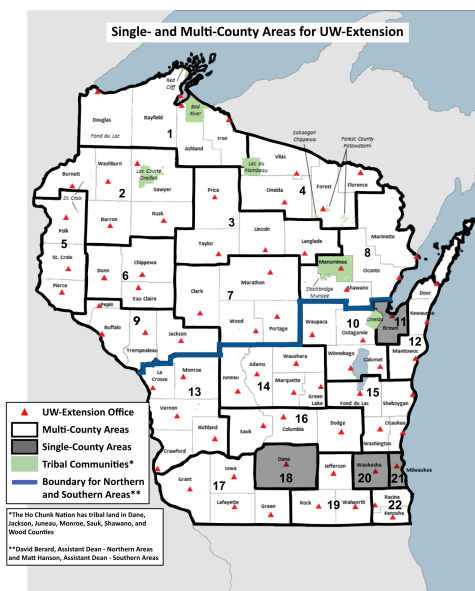
The *nEXT Generation* project will map the future of Cooperative Extension, a division of University of Wisconsin-Extension and an essential educational resource for the people of Wisconsin. The goals of the project are to:

- Shape the future of the Cooperative Extension division, while staying true to Cooperative Extension's Purpose, Values and Vision.
- Build a new organization and infrastructure for Cooperative Extension that is relevant, flexible and digital.
- Address the \$3.6 million structural budget deficit that compromises the current structure of educational delivery across Cooperative Extension.

The 2015-2017 Wisconsin State biennial budget reduced University of Wisconsin System funding by \$250 million. Cooperative Extension's portion of the cut is \$3.6 million per year—8.3% of its ongoing state funding. The most recent state cuts went into effect on July 1, 2015.

Though state funding cuts prompted this project, the *nEXT Generation* project is not simply about reducing budgets. It's a chance to modernize UW-Extension and ultimately make it stronger. UW-Extension will embark on monumental changes in both organizational structure and delivery of educational priorities that will best serve our current and future audiences.

The project also needs to support the division's purpose, which is to teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them to transform lives and communities.



Area Extension Directors

Two members of our team have been promoted to Area Extension Directors.

Kristen Bruder is now Area Extension Director of Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties.

Jason Hausler is now Area Extension Director for Clark, Marathon, Wood, and Portage Counties.

In this new role, we will be responsible for managing resources in geographic areas while fostering partnerships to identify new opportunities in programming, funding and staffing. We will provide leadership, direction, and support for Cooperative Extension programs and we will be working with county governments, municipalities and partner organizations to ensure that needs of the local communities are met.

The Area Extension Director for Dunn, Eau Claire, and Chippewa counties is **Catherine Emmanuelle**. She will build upon the strong community partnerships we have here in Dunn County and examine areas for growth and development to meet local needs.