



## Agriculture

Jerry Clark  
*Agriculture Educator, Crops & Soils*



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*Agriculture Educator, Dairy*



A video series for food and farm business entrepreneurs where participants develop the framework needed for effective food and ag entrepreneurship and are connected with the resources they need to be successful. This effort was designed to help participants assess their skills, assets, personalities, and/or networks to help make a decision about a business opportunity or new enterprise.

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## Community Development

Addison Vang | *Community Development Educator*



Planning for the second in a series of educational program targeting underserved Hmong and marginalized small farmers where they learned about the importance of food safety and receive vegetable washing stations for use at their own farms. The goal is to reduce challenges and barriers to support and/or expand underserved farm operations with good agricultural practices and economic growth.

A presentation to the Dunn County Committee on Resources and Tourism by Christopher Stark, where the committee members and participants present learned about current funding programs for broadband access, affordability and adoption.

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## Horticulture

Margaret Murphy | *Horticulture Outreach Specialist*



Planning a gardening series for beginners in collaboration with the Cardinal Community Learning Center where participants learn the basics of vegetable gardening, starting seeds indoors and growing vegetables in containers when space is limited. The goal of this effort is to teach those new to vegetable gardening how to get started and encourage people to try vegetable gardening.

Planning a gardening presentation in collaboration with the Bloomer Public Library for the public. The goal of this effort is to teach participants strategies to grow successful patio gardens and to encourage people of all ages to garden even when space is limited.



Planning a gardening series for the public in collaboration with the Chippewa Falls Public Library One Seed, One Wisconsin program. The goal of this effort is to demonstrate growing tomatoes from seed to harvest to teach and encourage people to try vegetable gardening.

A community of practice for horticulture educators where we explore strategies and resources to expand horticulture education and outreach to underrepresented audiences. The goal of participating in this group is to dig into ways we can locally continue to grow and enhance our horticulture programs to reach more diverse audiences.

## Health and Well-Being

Sandy Tarter

*FoodWise Coordinator*

Joy Weisner

*FoodWise Educator*

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*FoodWise Educator*



Multiple emails and connections to plan nutrition education in K, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades at Parkview Elementary. The goal of this effort is for students to learn about the importance of hand-washing, eating healthy, being active, exploring fruits and vegetables, and how food impacts our health.

Multiple emails and connection to plan nutrition education with a new partner, Downsville Elementary. The goal of this effort is for students to learn about eating healthy, being active, exploring fruits and vegetables, and the importance of hand-washing.

A presentation to UW-Stout Community Nutrition class. This effort shares the work of Extension and the FoodWise program to the students for greater understanding of the local opportunities for the community and FoodShare families.

A collaboration with Mayo Health System staff and St. Francesca Food Pantry in developing the "Food Is Medicine" program to underserved, food insecure participants. This effort aims to improve food security and health behaviors on a limited budget.

A 6 week nutrition education series to 5th graders at Longfellow Elementary where they learn about healthy habits and how the nutrients in foods contribute to a healthy diet. The goal of this effort is to help the students plan healthy meals and snacks using a variety of foods from the food groups.

A 4-lesson series for women in an addiction treatment program where they learn about nutrition and food resource management principles. The goal of this effort is to help limited resource participants make healthy food choices on a budget.

A parent lesson at Truax Head Start. The goal of this effort is to help parents work together with their children in the kitchen to create healthy snacks.



Participation in the transition meeting of Healthy Communities Coalition and Alliance Mental Health teams including active support for the local chronic disease prevention action team. This effort will help guide objectives and strategies that support initiatives to help improve the health of local residents.

A series of virtual statewide strength training sessions (StrongBodies) where older adults learn best practices along with nutrition and health education. Participants engage in regular strength training exercises to improve strength, balance, and flexibility so they can stay healthy and socially connected.

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## Human Development and Relationships

Luisa Gerasimo | *Human Development and Relationships Educator*



A program for justice-involved families where parents in jail are recorded reading storybooks they select, which are then shared with their children at home. The goal is to reduce the trauma of separation, strengthen family relationships and at the same time increase children's exposure to books and reading.

A workshop where justice-involved parents learn the importance of reading aloud to children and ways to engage their child through books. The goal of this program is to help parents strengthen the parent-child bond and build children's early literacy skills, which are an important foundation for success in school and life.

A monthly topic-specific class series (Resilient Co-Parenting) for co-parents raising children together while living apart, where they learn skills to improve communication and problem-solving, support children emotionally and keep kids out of the middle of conflict.

### Programs open to Dunn County and offered by Area 6 Human Development and Relationships Educators, Jeanne Walsh

A coaching and Money Matters program for qualifying individuals, where participants learn how to create financial goals and gain money management skills. The goal of this program is to increase meeting financial goals and increase financial capability for long term financial success.

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## Positive Youth Development

Zachary Rozmiarek | *4-H Program Educator*



Planning for Art U that is a virtual art instruction program in partnership with UW-Stout in order to provide project learning in the spark of Art.

A Tri-County 4-H Performing Arts Festival where young people practiced speaking and performing in front of an audience and received feedback in order to develop public speaking, cooperation, and leadership skills.

A volunteer training for 4-H volunteers to learn about their role, expectations and the program to ensure the safety and well-being of 4-H youth participating in volunteer-led programs.

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Planning for the Area 6 4-H Performing Arts Festival where young people speak or perform a play or musical number in front of an audience and judge in order to build confidence and the life skill of public speaking.

Interviews for camp counselors for our Eau Claire, Dunn, Clark summer 4-H Camp where we provided a realistic job interview experience to youth in order to increase their interview skills and also to select the best young people for the role of camp counselor for summer camp.

Planning for two 4-H camps for over 80 youth from Clark, Dunn and Eau Claire counties, where youth will sleep overnight in cabins and tents. The goal is to bring youth together to try new activities, make new friends, and experience nature and time away from home in a safe setting.

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## Support

Melissa Burke | *Outreach Support Associate*



*Welcome to our new Extension Dunn County Outreach Support Associate, Melissa Burke!*

I am very excited to be a part of such an amazing team, and am honored to help support the Extension educators in their important work!

During the few weeks I have been with Extension, I have worked on an assortment of activities, including: onboarding training for the County and State, training on organizational systems protocols, creating and uploading social media posts, updating internal budget tracking spreadsheets, and getting to know the Extension Dunn County team!

## Area Extension Director

Kristen Bruder | *Area Extension Director – Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire Counties*



The role of the AED is similar to that of the department head in the county. If you have- ideas, thoughts, or want to chat about Extension, please reach out! Below is a brief overview of the role of AEDs:

Extension fully invests in Area Extension Directors (AEDs) who oversee an area. These administrative positions are responsible for partnership management, staff development, financial management and program coordination.

Through the many interactions the AED has with county partners and local educators, the AED develops a solid understanding of the local needs and county priorities and helps to align Extension educational programs to ensure the programs address county needs. Educators also communicate local needs to their programmatic Institutes, which collectively identify opportunities to address statewide needs. Some additional primary duties of the AED include:

They serve as the county Extension Department Budget Officer and Administrative Officer for the counties in their area. Specific signatory authority is agreed to by the county to allow the AED to serve in this capacity.

They are the hiring authority of Extension staff and serve as the direct supervisor of Extension educators,



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conducting annual and mid-point performance evaluations with each Extension employee.

They are responsible for the regular operations of county Extension offices and provide oversight to county staff within the office.

They support educators and staff who direct Extension volunteers. They engage when volunteer behavior concerns expand beyond coaching or if dismissal of the volunteer is warranted.

They monitor and manage risk and liability situations that might arise.