



Agriculture

Jerry Clark | *Regional Crops & Soils Educator*



A meeting series for crop farmers and ag professionals, where they learned about crop insurance and grain marketing, crop input planning, farmland rental rates and lease agreements, and ag income taxes. These meetings were designed to assist crop farmers in identifying strengths and weaknesses of their farm business to assist them in making decisions that will improve their farm profitability.

A field event for beef farmers and pasture managers where participants learned cattle health, handling management, and pasture and soil management to improve beef cattle health, farmer safety, and pasture and soil management to increase beef and pasture production efficiency and improve farm profitability. The goal of the program is to increase knowledge and improve understanding of beef herd health and pasture management practices.

An on-farm study to better understand the effect of nitrogen application rates on nitrogen cycling and corn yield. Results from this study will help corn growers in that they can implement and adapt N management practices to optimize economic return, improve efficiency of N fertilizer resulting in more sustainable corn production and farm profitability.

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Lyssa Seefeld | *Regional Dairy Educator*



A live, on-line meeting series, for farmers and dairy industry professionals, where participants learned the latest research and applications regarding effective animal handling and the impact that plays on efficiency on the farm. The goal of this effort was to increase knowledge of the latest UW-Madison research and provide a comprehensive understanding of effective dairy animal handling, grouping strategies and their impact on efficiency in the parlor and beyond.

A research-based educational article for dairy farmers, and agri-business professionals, where participants will learn about risks associated with feeding a low fiber dairy cow. The goal of the article is to help producers learn about disorders associated with low fiber diets, visual signs to look for, the connection between low fiber and how it leads to disorders and diseases, and ration considerations when feeding a low fiber diet.

Planning and organizing a four-part webinar series for small ruminant producers in Wisconsin and Iowa. The goal of the webinar series is to increase producer knowledge of abortive and respiratory diseases, care of young stock to increase survivability, genetic selection, and nutrition to increase enterprise profitability.

Educational programming as part of a USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant supporting underserved HMoob and marginalized small farmers in Western Wisconsin, where participants learn about the importance of food safety, soil health, and gain awareness of farm agencies and food-business resources. The goals are to reduce challenges and barriers to support and expand underserved HMoob farm operations through good agricultural practices and economic growth. *(Partnered with Addison Vang)*



Horticulture

Margaret Murphy | *Regional Horticulture Educator*



A winter garden program for youth in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley Menomonie Center. The goal of this effort is to teach and inspire young kids about garden-related topics through hands-on activities and get them ready for spring 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.

Community Development

Addison Vang | *Regional Community Development Educator*



Developing programming to educate healthcare professionals who provide food recommendations to ethnic minority communities. Reaching out to healthcare agencies and professionals to gauge and build interest.

Health and Well-Being

Sandy Tarter
FoodWise Coordinator

Joy Weisner
FoodWise Educator

Jael Wolf
FoodWise Educator

Hillarie Roth
FoodWise Educator



A 6-week nutrition education series to 3rd graders at River Heights Elementary to learn about the importance of eating five food groups, physical activity, and included hands-on activities. This effort was designed to encourage students to try more fruits and vegetables at each meal.



A 6-week nutrition education series for 1st graders in River Heights 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 collaborative effort with Chronic Disease Prevention Action Team under Health Dunn Right to promote 2023-2024 Winter Wellness and planning for a spring Family Resource Fair and Dance. This effort helps promote community and family engagement with activities that include increased physical activity.

I believe I have better muscle tone after doing these classes, and a more positive attitude.

-StrongBodies Participant

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.

Human Development and Relationships

Luisa Gerasimo | *Human Development and Relationships Educator*



I wrapped up a six-session series of online classes (Raising a Thinking Child) with sessions offered morning or evening, statewide, for parents, caregivers, and child care workers. This program is designed to help guide children ages 4-7, helping adults and children identify emotions, solve everyday problems, and reduce conflict by learning to consider consequences. It was co-facilitated by myself and colleagues from Barron and Dane counties.

A series of steering committee meetings for Dunn, Chippewa and Eau Claire counties with outreach activities and research projects intended to create and implement a community health needs assessment which will inform community priorities and activities in the coming years.

Ongoing and significant work leading a community-based coalition and serving on county-based workgroups to increase the availability and safety of housing in Dunn County. The goal is to improve the rural housing stock and create family stability in Dunn County.

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.

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 table showing two posters about housing and child care, covered with clipboards, surveys and a table cloth that says Dunn County Health Department.



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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.

Thanks again for meeting with me. It was great to hear about all of the resources that you offer! Please add me to the Housing Action Team. I know that housing is such a barrier, so I would love to help work on some solutions. Thank you for connecting me to your co-workers. I will be in touch with you as our project progresses.

- Local Nonprofit Program Coordinator

Positive Youth Development

Zachary Rozmiarek | *4-H Program Educator*



Work has been done for planning this year's *4-H On The Air*. I have been collaborating with the local radio station and leaders to get a schedule set up. I took input from the leaders as to when they want their club or project to be featured, and sent it to the radio station.

A virtual training was held for 4-H club leaders. It focused on information that a new leader would need, but all of the leaders were invited. The meeting gave information on 4-H online, upcoming events, and how to have an effective meeting.

A leadership training was held for club officers and older youth. The training was run in two parts. The first part focused on leadership - the youth did activities that taught them qualities of a good leader, and allowed them to reflect on their personal leadership styles. The second part focused on how to run a meeting and make a motion.

A Speaking Contest was held for Dunn, Eau Claire, and Chippewa Counties. Youth participated in a variety of events that allowed them to improve their public speaking and presentation skills. They were given feedback which celebrated their strengths and provided education on areas to improve. Awards were given to the top speakers in each category.

Planning has begun for a Youth Officer and Leadership Training. This planning includes getting input from youth, collaborating with youth and adult volunteers, and planning the curriculum.



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An informational meeting was held for families who wanted to learn more about 4-H. The meeting was held at the Public Library. It gave an overview of the program and information on how to join. Volunteers and Youth were present to add insight.

Value Added Programming

Dunn, Chippewa, and Eau Claire Counties

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. *(Jeanne Walsh)*

An all-day educational event for new farmers, part-time and full-time operators, low-income startups, graziers and non-graziers featuring guest speakers, farmer/local resources panel, commercial and agency exhibitors, and farmer-to-farmer networking with emphasis on grazing fundamentals, cattle stockmanship and handling facilities, wildlife and grazing ecology and future grazing opportunities and programs. The goal is for people to be able to make informed decisions about the pros and cons of grazing, and to meet other people with similar interests and goals related to grazing and pasture management. *(Kevin Schoessow, Jason Cavadini, John Strauser, Ryan Sterry, and Yoana Newman)*

Area Extension Director

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



Please reach out with questions and ideas. The role of the AED is much like the department head in the county. 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.