



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

## Community Development

PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING TO ASSIST LEADERS, COMMUNITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS REALIZE THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

MICHELLE GRIMM, EDUCATOR



Michelle Grimm

***Community Gardens— an opportunity to grow fresh produce at low costs and easy maintenance offered to Medford area citizens.*** This summer Black River Industry has done volunteer work in the garden once a week. They worked on weeding, garden maintenance and food pantry donations.

***Nonprofit Leadership Training. Through trainings we foster collaboration and a culture of co-creation through peer learning and network building.*** I am co-teaching this series with my colleagues. This is an educational series cohort model where participants gain skills and knowledge as they relate to action and scenario planning. We held the class for 5 weeks mid-July, participants will come away well-versed into application of this and other tools that help to guide organizations in these very uncharted times. The next part of this series starts in October: *Fundraising & Donor Relations*.

***StrongPeople/Strong Bodies. An evidence-based Strength Training Program for women and men of all ages, with a special emphasis on those 40 years of age and older.*** This program kicks off the week of September 12<sup>th</sup> with add'l instruction days compared to recent years.

GILMAN: Community Center  
Monday/Wednesday  
9:00—10 a.m.

GOODRICH: Town Hall  
Monday/Wednesday  
9:00—10 a.m.

MEDFORD: Multi-purpose Room at the Taylor County Fairgrounds  
Monday/Wednesday  
8:30—9:30 a.m.  
4:00—5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday/Thursday  
8:00—9:00 a.m.

RIB LAKE: Senior Site  
Tuesday/Thursday  
7:45—8:45 a.m.

ONLINE: Via Zoom  
Monday/Wednesday  
8:00—9:00 a.m.



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## Agriculture

PROVIDING RESEARCH-BASED LIVESTOCK AND FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, RESOURCES AND DECISION-MAKING TOOLS TO FARMERS AND AGRIBUSINESSES.

SANDY STUTTGEN, EDUCATOR



Sandy Stuttgen

Extension educator Sandy Stuttgen facilitated the **North Central WI Cattlemen's Association (NCWCA) Beef Expo** on August 6, 2022, at the K Bar R Arena, Medford for 40 participants from seven Wisconsin counties (Taylor, Price, Clark, Marathon, Monroe, Shawano, and Brown). Hands on educational sessions for inexperienced beef producers to learn about various aspects of beef production were featured. Stuttgen taught the obstetrics session, and she facilitated discussions about the topics taught by others including basics of AI, body condition scoring for finished and breeding cattle, marketing on grade and yield, veterinary herd health, and cattle handling facilities. Extension educator Richard Halopka facilitated and taught soil/forage/pasture management that included a no-till drill demonstration.

Participants ranked from 1 to 10 the value the topics had for them with 1 being most valuable, 10 least. The majority ranked all the sessions as #1. The average most valuable scores were earned by the no-till drill and animal handling facilities demonstrations and veterinary discussion. Impact the day had for them is further evidenced by their written statements: "So glad I came-I learned to much!", "Great educational day" and "Very, very good, thank you."

Sandy is also working with NCWCA to host a statewide **Beef Bus Tour** to Upper MI for WI beef producers to experience peer-to-peer learning from beef producers located in approximately the same environment as north central WI counties. She is preparing educational content regarding animal handling facilities and herd health management that she will present during the tour. She will also co-teach with the MI Extension Beef Educator at the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center.

**Planning for Emergency Livestock Transport Response (PELTR)** is a research-based curriculum developed by Sandy and her UW Extension Livestock and Dairy Program colleagues to help emergency planners prepare to efficiently respond and manage traffic incidents that involve livestock. Livestock transportation is a critical segment of the food supply system. It is also highly visible to the public with animals transported to and from farms, points of sale and to processing facilities. Safety on roadways is in everyone's best interest and includes preparedness for responding to livestock emergencies on the roadway. First responders have requested training in how to best respond to these incidents as they lack experience handling livestock. Programs are planned for October in Bonduel and in November near Baldwin.



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## Wisconsin 4-H



Julie Diepenbrock

TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H HAS OVER **200** YOUTH AND ADULTS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS.

JULIE DIEPENBROCK, EDUCATOR

**Day Camps: Empowering our youth with critical skills that will last for a lifetime.** Day Camps were presented in four locations in Taylor County. Youth were involved in 6.5 hours of hands-on activities in Photography, Entomology, Plants, Foods, and Geology as an introduction to these 4-H projects. This summer we had 37 youth attend our Day Camps. 10 youth were 4-H members and the other 27 were youth who were not members of a local 4-H club. Youth attending responded that they made new friends and learned new skills.

**Fairs: A culmination of many weeks, months or even a year's worth of learning, creating, and discovering through 4-H experiences. The fair provides a completion to the 4-H program.....innovative, creative and outright impressive projects.** The Taylor County Fair had great weather, great food at the Food Stand and YLO Pizza Stand, fantastic Livestock Auction, and many learning experiences for our 4-H members. We also had a great photo wall display in the Food Stand building about "4-H is More than Just Animals" highlighting many of the different aspects of Taylor County 4-H. Youth from all seven 4-H clubs entered projects in the Taylor County Fair. Members from some of our 4-H Clubs also exhibit in the Athens Fair. Fairs provide 4-H members the chance to develop friendships with other youth throughout the county through participating in positive and fun educational activities. Fairs offer youth the opportunity to share their projects with others and learn from the judging process during the fair.

### **Summer Recap**

Throughout the Summer of 2022, Taylor County 4-H has involved 513 youth contacts and 327 adult contacts (some of these are duplicates due to attending more than one of our activities) in our summer 4-H programs for a total of 1725 hours of opportunities to learn and build new friendships with other youth. These include our programs during the Public Library Summer Reading Programs, Huey's Hideaway programs, Day Camps, Summer Camps, Taylor County Fair, and other 4-H activities.

### **Upcoming 4-H Year**

Enrollment for the 2022-23 4-H year begins on September 2. Taylor County 4-H will be promoting 4-H at upcoming school enrollment and open house events with 4-H displays created by Amanda Szomi, our 4-H Summer Intern. The Federation is in the process of revising their bylaws and planning events for the Fall.



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### Extension Taylor County's Primary Partnering Organizations

- Huey's Hideaway
- Northcentral WI Cattleman's Association
- Taylor County 4-H Federation
- Medford Farmer's Market
- Taylor County Tourism
- Taylor County Department of Health
- WI Beef Council
- DATCP
- WI Animal Healthy ER Mgmt Working Group
- Athens School District
- Farm WI Discovery Center
- Northwest WI Head Start
- Lutheran Social Services
- ICAA Taylor County Food Pantry
- CDI Medford Head Start
- Prentice School District
- Taylor County Public Libraries
- Gilman School District
- Rib Lake School District
- Market Animal Show & Sale
- Taylor County Fair Board
- Medford Area Public Schools
- Taylor County Solid Waste & Recycling Committee
- Taylor County Fair Board
- Taylor County Unit of WI Towns Association

**Julie Diepenbrock:** *4-H Educator (Shared with Price County)*

**TBD:** *FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator (Multi-county)*

**Michelle Grimm:** *Community Development Educator*

**Sandra Stuttgen:** *Agriculture Educator*

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