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TAYLOR COUNTY

# Taylor County May/June 2022 Highlight Report

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

## Agriculture

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

SANDY STUTTGEN, EDUCATOR



Sandy Stuttgen

***PELTR (Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response. This training is to provide emergency responders with an introduction to the skills and understanding that are involved with handling livestock at the scene of a roadway incident.***

### **Week of June 8:**

An in-person training was held on May 25, 2022, in Wausau, WI for six first emergency responders enrolled in the Planning for Emergency Livestock Transportation Response (PELTR) UW-Madison Division of Extension Canvas course. Two tabletop roadside incident exercises, and a walk-through of a multi-deck livestock trailer were discussed. Agriculture Educators that provided instruction were Sandy Stuttgen, William Halfman, Lyssa Seefeldt and Heather Schlessler.

The post-training self-reported evaluation results indicate a positive 1.48-point average change in the participants understanding of the topics discussed (2.48 points on average before participating in the training/3.96 points on average after). This was determined using a 5-point Likert scale, ranking excellent at 5 points, poor at 1 point. The highest average changes (2.2 points each) occurred in their increased knowledge about the unique dangers of handling different species and classifications of livestock, and the unique hazards associated with motor vehicle incidents involving livestock.

Participant's take home messages include

- *Normal animal behavior changes once an accident happens, but using their herd instincts can help*
- *Biosecurity concerns were mostly new information for me.*
- *I had no idea trailers could be segmented. From outside, I had seen the levels but never knew the 'floor plan' so seeing the options was extremely eye opening.*



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Photo A) Extension Educator Bill Halfman demonstrates structural aspects of a multi-deck livestock trailer for PELTR students attending the May 2022 PELTR session. Photo B) Scene containment, extrication, and relocation were discussed using a table-top exercise of livestock trailer incident at a busy intersection near Wausau, WI.



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Photos by Sandy Stutgen

I will share this information with other officers and promote training

**Extension will be attending Farm Technology Days offering education in beef cross calf markets as well as promoting upcoming Extension sponsored events and workshops.**



Clark County  
2022  
WISCONSIN FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS  
July 12-14  
Where Tradition and Technology Meet



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## VISIT EXTENSION AT FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS

Roehl Acres & Rustic Occasions are hosting the 2022 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days from July 12-14. This Clark County farm, owned by the Dennis and Suzie Roehl family, is home to over 500 registered dairy cattle and 750 crop acres.

Are you breeding beef to your dairy cattle? Visit UW Madison Division of Extension Dairy and Livestock program educators at Farm Technology Days to learn about beef breeding options and calf care tips to enhance your opportunities to provide the beef cross calf markets and consumers desire.

For more information visit <https://www.wifarmtechdays.org>



**Roehl Acres**  
**W4015 26th Road**  
**Loyal, WI**



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## Wisconsin 4-H



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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

- Camps & Projects**

***Empowering our youth with critical skills that will last for a lifetime. Having experiences outside their comfort zones help young people become more resilient, more independent, and better able to plan and reach their long-term goals.*** Spring and Summer 4-H activities have started out at a sprinters pace! Cake decorating projects hosted by Extension and partnered with a local baker proved successful as we had a group of 4-H members attend and learn to decorate in style. Our first day camp located in Rib Lake was the perfect environment to explore all nature activities planned for the day.....photography, plant ID, bugs, rocks, games, and food and nutrition. And a 3-day Summer Camp in Rhinelander with 5 other participating counties hosted over 150 students in grades 3-7<sup>th</sup>.



Cake Decorating project.



Wood Lake Park, Rib Lake



Gardening at Huey's

- Partnerships**

***A collaborative effort between UW Extension 4-H and Huey's Hideaway Children's Museum and County Libraries where youth learned skills that provided them with social connection and hands-on learning opportunities.*** Huey's Hideaway Children's Museum offers weekly day camps over the summer months. Taylor County 4-H is partnering with Huey's Hideaway on a weekly basis to provide some hands-on activities. Youth have an opportunity to learn some basic gardening skills, sports activities, cooking, and many other activities. These programs allow youth to use their head and hands to participate in learning activities that correspond with 4-H projects. Taylor County 4-H also partnered with county libraries where the theme "Oceans of Possibilities" provided the perfect setting for 4-H to



utilize some STEM activities to teach youth about buoyancy, ocean zones, and careers in oceanography. Helping youth learn scientific principles through hands-on activities and encouraging them to explore STEM careers is our predicted outcome.

## Community Development

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



Michelle Grimm

### MICHELLE GRIMM, EDUCATOR

- **Clean Sweep – Taylor County Solid Waste collections of household, ag and hazardous materials.**  
Taylor County hosted both clean sweeps. At the May clean sweep, we collected electronics and appliances in Medford and Gilman and in June we collected chemicals. The numbers were down from last year.
  - There were 33,172 lbs. of electronics collected.
  - Medford had 284 participants:
    - 171 flat screen TVs
    - 166 Monitors
    - 228 appliances
    - 100 gallons of waste oil
  - Gilman had 41 participants:
    - 44 flat screen TVs
    - 54 Monitors
    - 44 appliances
    - 30 gallons of waste oil
- **Diversity Outreach Grant. A partnership with the County Health Department.**  
Through a grant I received I have been partnering with the Health Department to identify the needs of the Latino populations in Taylor County. We have hosted three meetings to understand what the needs of the area are and to identify resources. One outcome so far is the creation of a resource packet.

## ALCANCE DE LA DIVERSIDAD

UNA CONVERSACIÓN COMUNITARIA

En un esfuerzo por apoyar mejor a nuestra comunidad en crecimiento y en constante cambio, lo invitamos a participar en una conversación sobre las necesidades de nuestros residentes que no hablan inglés, sus familias y las organizaciones que los atienden. ¡Unase a nosotros en persona o virtualmente para esta discusión tan importante!



**Asistir en Persona**  
Lunes, 20 de junio @ 11:30am  
Centro Comunitario, Recinto Ferial del Condado de Taylor en Medford  
¡Se proporcionará almuerzo!

**Asiste Virtualmente**  
Lunes, 20 de junio @ 1:00pm  
¡Inicie sesión bit.ly/3x4eLHG o escanee el código al comienzo de la reunión!



Organizado por el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Taylor y UW-Extension

## DIVERSITY OUTREACH

A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

In an effort to better support our growing and ever changing community we are inviting you to participate in a conversation on the needs of our non-English speaking residents, their families and the organizations that serve them. Please join us either in person or virtually for this very important discussion!



**Attend In Person**  
Wednesday, June 22 @ 11:30am  
Community Center, Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford  
Lunch will be provided!

**Attend Virtually**  
Wednesday, June 22 @ 1:00pm  
Sign in <https://bit.ly/3x4eLHG> or scan the code at meeting start!



Hosted by the Taylor County Health Department & UW-Extension

- **Community Gardens – an opportunity to grow fresh produce at low costs and easy maintenance offered to Medford area citizens.**

\$1,000 was donated to the Community Garden to replace damaged garden beds. I worked with Alternative High School students, garden volunteers and a summer school class to complete the work. We replaced 14 beds. The summer school class also planted food for donation at the food pantry.



- **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. Kicking off for 5 weeks mid-July, participants will come away well-versed in the application of this and other tools that help guide organizations in these very uncharted times.





- **Broadband Business Meetings**

The Broadband Committee facilitated meetings with local businesses to connect to the middle mile network. Creating the list of invitees and networking during the event to ensure that we can connect as many as possible.

## 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)*

**Melissa Yates:** *FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator (Multi-county)*

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

**Sandra Stuttgen:** *Agriculture Educator*

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